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## TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1884-85.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Surveyors of  
Highways.

ROYAL T. MANN. JOHN B. THAYER. RUFUS A. THAYER.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

WINSLOW BATTLES	.	.	.	.	Term expires April 1, 1885.
THOMAS DOLAN	.	.	.	.	" " " 1, 1886.
JOHN B. WREN	.	.	.	.	" " " 1, 1887.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN	.	.	.	Term expires April 1, 1885.
DANIEL HOWARD	.	.	.	" " " 1, 1886.
WINSLOW BATTLES	.	.	.	" " " 1, 1887.

Auditors.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY. CHARLES F. McMAHON.  
ELISHA MANN, JR.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL.	HENRY H. SHEDD.
FRANK J. DONOHUE.	SAMUEL A. FOSTER.
E. LAWRENCE PAYNE.	JOHN HANEY.

HIRAM SNOW.

Tax Collector.

EDSON M. ROEL.

Fence Viewers.

AUGUSTUS J. TOWNS. EPHRAIM MANN. ADAM F. JONES.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN T. FLOOD.	J. WHITE BELCHER.
HIRAM C. ALDEN.	GEORGE W. WALES.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

CHARLES A. WALES, *Chief*. WILLIAM A. CROAK, *Clerk*.  
JOHN HANEY.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MARTIN P. PIKE.

Keeper of Lock-up.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

WILLIAM NEALE, of Stoughton. WM. W. HURLEY, of Randolph.

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## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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*To the Inhabitants of Randolph:*

The Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Surveyors of Highways, herewith submit their annual report for the year ending March 1, 1885.

In presenting to our citizens a report of the financial affairs for the past year, we are satisfied that those having charge of the different departments have accomplished the best results with the means at their disposal.

We call your attention to the Treasurer's report showing a reduction of the town debt during the past year of \$6281.53, leaving the net debt of the town March 1, 1885, \$10,705.34.

At the last annual meeting no appropriation was made for the enforcement of laws, but on account of frequent demands by citizens for protection, we considered some action necessary on our part, and, as we believe for the best interests of the town, have expended the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose, and would recommend for the ensuing year an appropriation of three hundred dollars.

### HIGHWAYS.

We have attended to the duties of this department, and in making general repairs, we find the amount expended per mile less than in neighboring towns, and that to keep the streets in their usual good condition, an increased appropriation will be necessary the ensuing year, as we have been



## TAXABLE VALUATION MAY 1, 1884.

Real estate, . . . . .	\$1,457,450 00
Personal estate, . . . . .	545,660 00
Bank stock owned by residents and taxed in the state, . . . . .	266,487 50
Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed by the state, . . . . .	179,192 50
Total valuation, . . . . .	<u>\$2,448,790 00</u>

Rate of taxation May 1, 1884, \$14.00 on \$1000.

Number of polls May 1, 1884, . . . . .	1,173
of dwellings May 1, 1884, . . . . .	778 $\frac{5}{8}$
of horses May 1, 1884, . . . . .	338
of cows May 1, 1884, . . . . .	199
of acres of land taxed May 1, 1884, . . . . .	5,837 $\frac{1}{4}$

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY  
THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1885.

Almshouse property and farm, . . . . .	\$11,000 00
Town house and land, . . . . .	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses and lock-up, . . . . .	4,200 00
One hook and ladder carriage and apparatus, . . . . .	1,200 00
Two steam fire-engines and apparatus, . . . . .	10,500 00
One Babcock engine and apparatus, . . . . .	1,150 00
One hearse, . . . . .	200 00
Ten acres of salt marsh . . . . .	500 00
Twenty acres of land, Upham lot, . . . . .	400 00
School-house and land, District No. 1, . . . . .	2,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 2, . . . . .	6,000 00



School-house and land, District No. 3, . .	\$1,350 00
School-house and land, District No. 4, . .	5,750 00
School-house and land, District No. 5, . .	1,200 00
School-house and land, District No. 6, . .	1,600 00
Prescott school-house and land, . . .	15,000 00
Eight shares in Randolph National Bank, .	1,440 00
Stetson school fund, par value, . . .	10,600 00
Turner school fund, par value, . . .	1,000 00
Turner free library, . . . . .	5,000 00
Turner free library building and land, . .	40,000 00
Turner free library fund, . . . . .	5,000 00
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	\$143,090 00

## EXPENDITURES.

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the treasurer amounting to \$31,739.65.

On account of schools, teaching, fuel,	
repairs, &c., . . . . .	\$8,732 28
of Stetson high school, . . . . .	1,200 00
of highways, . . . . .	2,277 02
of removing snow, . . . . .	88 80
of Union street, . . . . .	414 37
of sidewalks, . . . . .	447 52
of paving, . . . . .	208 84
of town officers, . . . . .	1,761 58
of state aid, . . . . .	1,517 00
of military aid, . . . . .	1,449 83
of decoration of soldiers' graves, .	100 00
of abatement of taxes, . . . . .	409 92
of funeral expenses, . . . . .	231 00
of fire department, . . . . .	1,683 67



On account of miscellaneous expenses, . . .	\$1,389 13
of poor in almshouse, . . .	2,868 20
of poor out of almshouse, . . .	4,111 81
of poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook military, . . .	1,168 23
of poor of other towns, . . .	1,264 97
of state paupers and tramps, . . .	181 48
of coal undelivered, . . .	234 00
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	\$31,739 65

## RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures
For schools, . . . . .	\$8,000 00	\$8,732 28
Income from other sources, . . .	442 38	
For Stetson high school, . . .	1,200 00	1,200 00
Poor out of almshouse, state paupers and tramps, . . . . .	4,200 00 net	4,009 04
Poor in almshouse . . .	2,500 00 net	1,495 29
Poor belonging to Ran- dolph and Holbrook, . . .	1,000 00 net	778 82
Medical attendance on poor, . . . . .	300 00	*215 98
Poor of other towns, . . .		1,264 97
Repairs of highways, . . .	2,000 00	2,235 54
Removing snow, . . . . .	200 00	88 80
Paving, . . . . .	200 00	208 84
Union street, . . . . .	300 00	414 37
Sidewalks, . . . . .	500 00	447 52
Town officers, . . . . .	1,825 00	1,761 58
State aid, . . . . .		1,517 00

For Military aid,  $\frac{1}{2}$  from the

state, . . . . .	\$700 00	\$724 91
Fire department, . . . .	2,000 00	1,683 67
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,500 00	1,389 13
Abatement of taxes . . .		409 92
Decoration of soldiers' graves, . . . . .	100 00	100 00
Funeral expenses, . . . .		231 00
Reduction of town debt,	5,000 00	5,000 00
Interest on town debt,	1,500 00	1,121 63

\*Included in pauper expenses.

#### HIGHWAYS.

Paid Martin P. Pike, for services, $68\frac{8}{10}$ days, . . .	\$137 60
Martin P. Pike, for two horses and carts, 66 $\frac{3}{20}$ days, . . . . .	198 70
Josiah Clark, for team, scraping roads, . . . .	52 00
Josiah Clark, for single team, 4 days, . . . .	14 00
James Reilly, for single team, $15\frac{1}{2}\frac{7}{10}$ days, . .	55 48
James Reilly, for labor, 3 days, . . . . .	6 00
Elbridge Jones, for single team, $4\frac{2}{5}$ days, . . .	11 00
Martin F. Smith, for single team, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days, . .	9 50
Royal T. Mann, for single team, $13\frac{1}{2}\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	48 48
Charles H. Mann, for single team, 5 days, . . .	17 50
Rufus A. Thayer, for single team, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days, . .	13 12
Francis E. Stetson, for single team, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	12 25
Manus Gallagher, for single team, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	5 25
Matthew Graham, for labor, $77\frac{6}{7}$ days, . . . .	136 24
John Desmond, for labor, $73\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . . . .	129 22
Thomas Duff, for labor, $72\frac{7}{10}$ days, . . . . .	127 21
Lewis Jones, for labor, $69\frac{3}{5}$ days, . . . . .	121 80

Paid Thomas Whalin, for labor, $68\frac{3}{10}$ days, .	\$119 51
Charles A. Alden, for labor, $47\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	83 44
Patrick Barry, for labor, $22\frac{9}{10}$ days, .	40 15
James Slowey, for labor, $16\frac{5}{7}$ days, .	29 24
Thomas Johnston, for labor, $40\frac{3}{10}$ days, .	70 52
Thomas Carroll, for labor, 45 days, .	78 75
Daniel Kiley, for labor, $30\frac{17}{20}$ days, .	54 00
John O'Keefe, for labor, $15\frac{7}{20}$ days, .	26 85
George F. French, for labor, $25\frac{9}{20}$ days, .	42 81
Jedediah French, for labor, 11 days, .	19 25
Martin L. Eddy, for labor, $15\frac{4}{5}$ days, .	25 95
Charles H. Cole, for labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	11 37
Frederic Winnett, for labor, 9 days, .	15 75
Peter Casey, for labor, $5\frac{3}{5}$ days, .	9 80
Patrick Bowen, for labor, $4\frac{1}{5}$ days, .	7 70
Sylvanus Thayer, for labor, $8\frac{1}{10}$ days, .	15 57
Alva M. Nightingale, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	6 12
James Googan, for labor, $3^1$ days, .	6 12
James Barry, for labor, 6 days, .	10 50
John McAuliffe, for labor, $13\frac{17}{20}$ days, .	24 23
George B. Dench, for labor, $5\frac{2}{5}$ days, .	9 45
George B. Dench, for labor, .	2 75
John B. Thayer, for labor, $4\frac{1}{4}$ days, .	8 50
Patrick Mahan, for labor, 3 days, .	5 25
William Shields, for labor, 2 days, .	3 50
David Irving, for labor, 2 days, .	3 50
Daniel Elliott, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	6 12
Herbert Jones, for labor, 4 days, .	6 00
Mason Lovering, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days .	2 63
Josiah Clark, for labor, 1 day, .	1 75
James Carroll, for team labor, .	3 00
Daniel Danahey, for labor, $5\frac{1}{20}$ days, .	8 83

Paid David H. Lane, for labor, $19\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	\$33 45
Frederic Miller, for labor, $1\frac{3}{10}$ days, . . .	2 27
John Dorr, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	2 25
Willam H. Martin, for labor $\frac{1}{2}$ day, . . .	75
Thomas Good, for single team, 1 day, . . .	3 50
Thomas Good, for labor, $\frac{4}{5}$ day, . . .	1 36
E. A. Perry, for labor, . . . . .	1 50
Michael Brady, for labor, $\frac{1}{5}$ day, . . .	34
Dennis Kelliher, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	4 37
Dennis Kelliher, for caps, . . . . .	1 28
Moses Mann, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	2 62
A. A. Payne, for labor, . . . . .	4 00
Charles H. Mann, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	2 62
Michael Morgan, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Chandler Cox, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	4 37
Morton Holbrook, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
John Gill, for labor, 1 day, . . . . .	1 75
Philip Reilly, for labor, 2 days, . . . .	3 00
Andrew Tracy, for labor, 2 days, . . . .	3 50
Oliver H. Bowman, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Bernard Clark, for labor, 1 day, . . . .	1 00
James M. Jones, for labor, . . . . .	3 00
Peter Sheridan, for labor, . . . . .	1 00
Joseph Crosby, for labor, 2 days . . . .	3 50
Nathaniel Noyes, for labor and stock, . .	3 53
Joseph Graham, for railing, . . . . .	3 75
H. B. Alden, for 360 loads of gravel, . .	25 20
Simon B. Corliss, for 141 loads stone . .	14 10
Simon B. Corliss, for bridge stone, . . .	1 00
Frederic T. Wright, for 70 loads of gravel, .	3 50
John L. Manning, for 6 loads of gravel, .	30
Thomas F. Lynch, for 176 loads of gravel, .	17 60

Paid Seth Mann, 2d, for 36 loads of gravel, . . .	\$3 60
Daniel Wilde, for gravel, . . . . .	13 25
Joshua Hunt, for 67 loads of gravel, . . .	4 69
Amasa S. Niles, for 158 loads of gravel, . .	11 06
Michael Ford, for 125 loads of gravel, . .	8 75
Estate of Moses C. Beal, for 90 loads of gravel, . . . . .	9 00
E. M. Roel, for 295 loads of gravel, . . .	20 65
Aaron Prescott, for gravel, . . . . .	19 80
Amasa Clark, for 57 loads of gravel, . . .	5 70
Samuel Howard, for 30 loads of gravel, . .	3 00
James M. Dyer, for 21 loads of gravel, . .	2 10
Martin L. Eddy, for 59 loads of gravel, . .	5 90
Adam F. Jones, for bridge stone, . . . .	1 00
Elbridge Jones, for trimming trees, . . .	1 50
Thomas Good, for box, . . . . .	50
Frank H. Langley, for sharpening tools, . .	7 88
T. Fardy & Son, for labor and stock, . . .	20 37
Eleazer Beal, for damages, . . . . .	20 00
Geo. H. Sampson, for Atlas powder, . . .	22 30
For paving-stones, . . . . .	6 25
Sundry persons, for picking stones, . . .	79 80
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$2,277 02</u>

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By cash for Atlas powder and gravel sold, . . .	41 48
Net expense, . . . . .	<u>\$2,235 54</u>

## UNION STREET.

Paid Martin P. Pike, for labor, $12\frac{1}{10}$ days, . .	\$24 20
Martin P. Pike, for 2 horses and carts, $12\frac{1}{10}$ days, . . . . .	36 30

Paid Matthew Graham, for labor, $12\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	\$22 22
Thomas Duff, for labor, $12\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	22 22
John Desmond, for labor, $12\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	22 22
Lewis Jones, for labor, $12\frac{1}{20}$ days, .	21 96
Charles A. Alden, for labor, $14\frac{1}{20}$ days, .	25 46
Thomas Carroll, for labor, $13\frac{1}{20}$ days, .	22 83
George F. French, for labor, $15\frac{1}{20}$ days, .	27 20
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $13\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	23 97
John O'Keefe, for labor, $7\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	13 47
Daniel A. Elliott, for labor, $9\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	16 97
Daniel A. Elliott, for gravel and stone, .	35 00
Dennis Kelliher, for labor, $8\frac{1}{5}$ days, .	14 35
Moses Mann, for labor, 2 days, .	3 50
Daniel Kiley, for labor, $11\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	20 47
Charles H. Cole, for labor, 11 days, .	19 25
Frank H. Langley, for sharpening tools, .	20 88
Geo. H. Sampson, for Atlas powder, .	21 90
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$414 37

## WARD STREET SIDEWALK.

Paid Martin P. Pike, for labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	\$11 00
Martin P. Pike, for 2 horses and carts, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	16 50
Matthew Graham, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
John Desmond, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
Thomas Duff, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
Lewis Jones, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
Thomas Carroll, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
Daniel Kiley, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
George F. French, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87



Paid Charles A. Alden, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, . . .	\$0 87
Thomas F. Lynch, for 68 loads of gravel, .	6 80
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$98 13</u>

## SIDEWALK SOUTH MAIN STREET.

Paid Martin P. Pike, for labor, $14\frac{1}{4}$ days, .	\$28 50
Martin P. Pike, for 2 horses and carts, $14\frac{1}{4}$ days, . . . . .	42 75
Josiah Clark, for scraping road, . .	9 38
Thomas Good, for single team, 1 day, .	3 50
Matthew Graham, for labor, $15\frac{2}{5}$ days, .	26 95
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $16\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	28 60
John Desmond, for labor, $17\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	30 35
Thomas Duff, for labor, $17\frac{7}{10}$ days, . .	30 35
James Slowey, for labor, $17\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	30 35
Lewis Jones, for labor, 9 days, . .	15 75
Charles A. Alden, for labor, $16\frac{1}{10}$ days, .	29 49
Charles H. Cole, for labor, $9\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	16 35
George F. French, for labor, $15\frac{1}{10}$ days, .	27 20
Patrick Barry, for labor, 3 days, . .	5 25
Daniel Danahey, for labor, 2 days, . .	3 50
David Lane, for labor, 4 days, . .	7 00
Thomas Carroll, for labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	13 12
William Broad, for labor, . . . .	1 00
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$349 39</u>

## REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, . . .	\$20 65
James Reilly and others, . . .	20 10
Thomas Good and others, . . .	4 15
Martin L. Eddy and others, . . .	13 00



Paid Elbridge Jones and others, . . . . .	\$16 90
Royal T. Mann and others, . . . . .	9 00
T. Fardy & Son, repairs on snow-plough, .	5 00
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$88 80</u>

## PAVING HIGHWAYS.

Paid D. W. Wilbur, for concreting gutters, .	\$144 20
Martin P. Pike, for 4½ days' labor, . .	9 00
Martin P. Pike, for 4½ days' town team, .	13 50
Matthew Graham, for 5 days' labor, . .	8 75
John Desmond, for 4 days' labor, . .	7 00
Thomas Whalin, for 4 days' labor, . .	7 00
Thomas Duff, for 4 days' labor, . .	7 00
Thomas Carroll, for 5 days' labor, . .	8 75
Edson M. Roel, for 52 loads of gravel, .	3 64
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$208 84</u>

## TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND  
HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Paid Royal T. Mann, . . . . .	\$400 00
John B. Thayer, . . . . .	300 00
Rufus A. Thayer, . . . . .	300 00

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Winslow Battles, . . . . .	\$110 00
Thomas Dolan, . . . . .	100 00
John B. Wren, . . . . .	100 00
Town Auditors for the year ending March 1, 1884, . . . . .	\$10 00

Paid Engineers of Fire Department for services	
and extra time to May 1, 1884, . . .	\$102 50
Edson M. Roel, Collector of Taxes, 1883, . . .	339 08
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Total, . . . . .	\$1,761 58

## DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Post 110 G.A.R., . . . . .	\$100 00
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Total, . . . . .	\$100 00

## STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State), . . .	\$1,517 00
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Total, . . . . .	\$1,517 00

## STATE AID UNDER LAW OF 1879.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State,) . . .	\$1,449 83
One half paid by the state, . . . . .	724 92
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Total paid by town, . . . . .	\$724 91

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edson M. Roel, for the year 1884, . . . . .	\$409 92
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Total, . . . . .	\$409 92

## FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, undertaker, attending 77	
funerals, . . . . .	\$231 00
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Total, . . . . .	\$231 00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (for items see Engineers' report),	\$1,683 67
Total,	\$1,683 67

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Daniel H. Huxford, printing 1300 town reports,	\$235 00
Daniel H. Huxford, printing poll lists, warrants, jurors' lists, advertising, &c.,	136 50
J. White Belcher, for insurance,	101 42
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance,	51 10
Royal W. Turner, for insurance,	52 50
Constables, for services July 3 and 4,	52 50
William B. Hathaway, entertaining town officers,	33 25
Henry H. Francis, for services as constable (1883),	27 50
Henry H. Francis, for posting warrant, &c.,	5 00
Frank J. Donohue, for special services,	74 50
Henry H. Shedd, for special services,	75 00
Colin Boyd, for care of Selectmen's rooms,	25 00
Colin Boyd, for care of hall, town meetings,	5 00
Seth Mann, 2d, for examining tax titles and cash paid,	50 00
Eleazer Beal, for surveying,	10 50
Charles K. Darling, for stationery,	6 23
A. J. Towns, for ice,	2 50
Edwin M. Mann, for wood and labor,	19 25
Charles D. Capen, for surveying town lines,	4 50

Paid Henry H. Francis, for labor and merchandise, . . . . .	\$7 51
Colin Boyd, for posting notices and care of flag, . . . . .	8 50
Geo. W. Pollock, for repairs, . . . . .	5 00
Henry Campbell, for varnishing hearse, . . . . .	15 00
Andrew Strickland, for land damage, . . . . .	20 00
Henry H. Shedd, for posting warrant and serving notices on town officers, . . . . .	11 80
Catharine F. Foley, for damages, . . . . .	80 00
T. T. Cushman, for examining nuisances, . . . . .	11 00
Ralph Houghton, for case for ballot box, and labor, . . . . .	25 00
Martin P. Pike, for distributing town reports, . . . . .	5 00
M. H. Ballou, for taxes on Upham lot, . . . . .	25 23
N. H. Tirrell, for painting lock-up, . . . . .	9 00
A. H. Latham, for professional services, . . . . .	5 00
Colin Boyd, for care of lawn, labor and mdse., . . . . .	17 85
Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, for lamp fixtures, . . . . .	2 79
J. W. Carpenter, Jr., for ink, . . . . .	85
N. L. Glidden, for telegraphing, . . . . .	29
Thomas Groom & Co., for tax book, . . . . .	2 00
Edward A. Perry, for reservoir covers, . . . . .	8 25
Commonwealth of Mass., for register of voters, . . . . .	2 65
Ralph Houghton, for services of medical examiner, . . . . .	3 00
F. Porter, for stationery, . . . . .	85
Nathaniel Noyes, for labor on lock-up, . . . . .	3 02
Seth Mann, 2d, for recording deed, . . . . .	63
Jedediah French, for labor on town lot, . . . . .	1 75
Charles A. Wales, for labor and mdse., . . . . .	3 38
A. J. Gove, for horse-keeping, . . . . .	1 00

Paid A. J. Gove, for expressage, . . . . .	\$6 57
Colin Boyd, for care of room for registrars, . . . . .	2 00
James F. Babcock, for analyzing water, . . . . .	
and expenses, . . . . .	10 50
Green & Prescott, for advertising water petition, . . . . .	7 00
A. J. Gove, for conveyance for water committee, . . . . .	6 00
Wales Bros., for repairing pumps, . . . . .	4 00
John H. Field, for postage and box, . . . . .	4 35
Geo. W. Wales, for canvassing for registration, . . . . .	30 00
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . . . .	12 00
Messrs. Mann, Thayer and Thayer, for ex- penses to Boston, Brockton, Taunton, Quincy, and other towns, . . . . .	63 11
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$1,389 13

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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The applications for aid from the outside poor show no abatement during the past year, and owing to the increased number of inmates at the almshouse, more room is needed, as many receiving outside aid would be better cared for there, and at less expense to the town. We would therefore recommend a special appropriation for its enlargement.

Martin P. Pike and wife have had charge of the almshouse and town farm during the past year, and their reputation gained by ten years' experience has been fully sustained, as good order, neatness and economy testify. They have tendered their resignation, to take effect May 1, 1885, and we think that the town has cause to regret that their services can no longer be retained.

The whole number supported at the almshouse during the year was twenty-four. Average number, sixteen and one-third.

Names of persons supported in the almshouse for the year ending March 1, 1885 :

Frances McMath,	Francis Myers,*
Maggie Morrisey,	William Doyle,
William Morrisey, Jr.,	Teresa Long,
Lewis Linfield,	Maggie Quinlan,
Ellen Buckley,	Mary E. Buckley,
David McKay,	Luther F. Thayer,
Catharine Heney,	Royal S. Holbrook,
Lysander Holbrook,	Annie R. Brunbury,*

\* Discharged.



Annie L. Holbrook,	Rose Brunbury,*
Albert C. Holbrook,	Mary Brunbury,*
James E. Upham,†	Bartholomew Brunbury,*
William Shea,	Eli Hayden.‡

## SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Martin P. Pike, superintendent, one year,	\$600 00
Charles Prescott & Co., for supplies,	348 70
J. White Belcher, for grain and meal,	311 25
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	96 90
Joel F. Sheppard & Co., for coal,	102 32
Josiah Clark, for meat,	197 46
H. H. Guinan, for clothing,	53 10
Frank H. Langley, for labor and mdse.,	47 03
Sidney French, for boots and shoes,	35 35
William S. Hills, for flour,	61 50
Howard W. Spurr & Co., for groceries,	166 53
Shepard, Norwell & Co., for dry goods,	12 00
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance,	44 10
Thomas Carroll, for labor,	127 75
David H. Lane, for labor,	34 62
Holmes & Blanchard, for mdse.,	19 60
N. Rosenfeld, for mdse.,	63 98
John B. Thayer, for labor and material,	26 50
E. A. Allen, for supplies,	23 70
E. A. Allen, for medical attendance,	21 19
William B. Brown, for repairs on carryall,	4 25
Dodge, Haley & Co., for mdse.,	8 60
Nathaniel H. Tirrell, for painting carryall,	7 25

\* Discharged.

‡ To be refunded.



Paid F. Porter, for supplies, . . . .	\$6 20
F. E. Fay & Co., for supplies, . . . .	3 75
McWilliams & Co., for mdse., . . . .	21 05
G. F. Austin & Co., for mdse., . . . .	7 19
A. J. Towns, for ice, . . . .	13 43
Charles E. Higgins, for painting, . . . .	31 65
James Reilly, for labor, . . . .	7 40
Estate of Walter Cartwright, for repairs, . . . .	11 90
T. Fardy & Son, for labor and material, . . . .	7 95
M. M. Alden, for labor and material, . . . .	12 32
Heirs of William Cole, for pasture, . . . .	16 00
John Hopkins, for labor, . . . .	18 00
Charles A. Wales, for labor and mdse., . . . .	12 10
A. J. Gove, for expressage, . . . .	17 10
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . . .	11 83
W. M. Babbitt, for medical attendance, . . . .	1 21
Royal T. Mann, for wagon, . . . .	20 00
Royal T. Mann, for team labor, . . . .	3 00
Morse & White, for gravel screen, . . . .	7 50
James H. Wales, for labor and mdse., . . . .	4 03
James H. Wales, for drag plank, . . . .	3 50
Matthew Graham, for wood, . . . .	18 00
William H. Cobb, for fertilizer, . . . .	21 00
William H. Cobb, for hay-cutter, . . . .	5 00
Ephraim Mann, for apples, . . . .	4 00
James Reilly, for dressing hogs, . . . .	3 00
Hixon & Co., for meat, . . . .	2 93
A. L. Chase, for medical attendance, . . . .	9 40
Mrs. Holbrook, for dressmaking, . . . .	4 25
Mrs. Littlefield, for dressmaking, . . . .	1 75
Frank Morton, for labor and mdse., . . . .	15 00
John F. Carey and others, for fish, . . . .	12 85

Paid S. W. Willard & Son, for tripe, . . .	\$2 25
F. W. Vye and others, for crackers, . . .	5 50
Francis E. Stetson, for pigs, . . .	19 00
Houghton, Dutton & Co., for mdse., . . .	13 75
Jordan, Marsh & Co., for mdse., . . .	7 50
O. C. Railroad Company, for freight, . . .	4 30
Sundry persons for labor, . . .	12 99
Sundry bills for mdse., . . .	54 88
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	\$2,868 20

## DR.

To stock on hand March 1, 1884, . . .	\$2,283 30
cash paid as per this report, . . .	2,868 20
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	\$5,151 50

## CR.

By stock on hand March 1, 1885, . . .	\$2,327 45
cash paid treasurer for labor by Martin P. Pike and town teams, . . . . .	622 50
cash paid treasurer for labor by David H. Lane, . . . . .	40 45
cash paid treasurer for labor by Thomas Carroll, . . . . .	141 57
cash paid treasurer for milk and produce sold, . . . . .	38 50
cash paid treasurer for board, amount included in bill paid by the town of Holbrook, . . .	356 16
amount due for board, . . . . .	129 58
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	\$3,656 21
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Net cost of almshouse, . . . . .	\$1,495 29

## RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Levi L. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hos- pital, . . . . .	\$119 57
for Horace E. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital, . . . . .	186 85
for James F. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hospital, . . . . .	188 62
for Mary A. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hos- pital, . . . . .	182 77
for William J. Kinsley, at State Lunatic Hospital, . . . . .	23 57
for John Carey, at State Lunatic Hospital,	23 11
for John C. Kelliher and family, . .	210 39
for Edwin and Mary Chessman, . .	305 47
for Leonard A. Jones, . . . . .	241 32
for Mrs. George F. Eddy and family, .	119 69
for Mrs. Edward Brackin and family, .	198 54
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family, .	166 52
for Mrs. John DeNeil and family, . .	163 00
for Mrs. William Grady and family, .	121 64
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt and family, .	134 07
for Mrs. William S. Allen and family, .	103 00
for Mrs. John Lynch and family, . .	77 25
for Mrs. James Butler, . . . . .	45 00
for Ann F. Thayer, . . . . .	100 00
for Loring Jones, . . . . .	96 00
for Noah Holbrook and wife, . . . .	105 20
for Paul T. Clark, . . . . .	24 75
for Julia Holbrook, . . . . .	112 84
for Eliza Myers, . . . . .	60 00
for Luther F. Thayer, . . . . .	34 72

Paid for George C. Currie, . . . . .	\$28 73
for Lucinda Holbrook (Jason, Jr.), . . . . .	52 00
for George Raymond, . . . . .	25 35
for Alexander Holbrook and wife, . . . . .	58 98
for Annie R. Brunbury and family, . . . . .	52 80
for Luke O'Reilly and family, . . . . .	120 98
for Edmund F. Eddy and wife, . . . . .	64 60
for Lizzie Bird, . . . . .	36 00
for William Thayer, . . . . .	58 85
for Hiram Holbrook and family, . . . . .	38 82
for Mrs. E. S. Pulson and family, . . . . .	65 93
for Martha Kelliher and family, . . . . .	20 27
for Mrs. John Fencer at Brockton, . . . . .	12 50
for William T. Eaton (1882), . . . . .	9 50
for John W. Sylvester, . . . . .	5 00
for Isaac Holbrook, . . . . .	27 93
for Thomas Donohue and family, . . . . .	28 31
for Frances Myers, . . . . .	16 00
for Margaret Madden, . . . . .	12 92
for Robert Acherson, . . . . .	22 00
for William Acherson and wife, . . . . .	17 71
for James FitzGerald, . . . . .	6 50
for Lysander C. Morse, . . . . .	8 00
for Frederic Miller, . . . . .	5 55
for Robert Winn, . . . . .	10 00
for George Clark, . . . . .	75
for sundry bills for aid, . . . . .	64 59
for sundry bills for aid refunded, . . . . .	52 25
Expenses for paupers, . . . . .	45 10
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$4,111 81

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By aid refunded, . . . . .	\$52 25	
For coal undelivered, . . . . .	234 00	
	<hr/>	\$284 25
Net cost, . . . . .		<hr/> \$3,827 56

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE MILITARY SETTLEMENT IS IN RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK.\*

Paid for Lewis N. Weathee, at State Lunatic

Hospital, . . . . .	\$174 15
for James O'Brien, at State Reform School, . . . . .	24 43
for John O'Brien, at State Reform School, . . . . .	20 43
for Mrs. Frances Boyle and family, . . . . .	163 41
for Morton Holbrook and family, . . . . .	126 25
for Christiana Sloan and family, . . . . .	143 44
for Charles H. Eddy and family, . . . . .	97 74
for Albert Howard and family, . . . . .	77 50
for Thomas F. Hand and family, . . . . .	69 73
for Albert W. Stetson and family, . . . . .	77 80
for John E. Mann and family, . . . . .	41 05
for George W. Cook and family, . . . . .	28 00
for Lawrence F. Leavitt and family, . . . . .	12 55
for Sarah A. (Morse) Bond, . . . . .	14 25
for Louisa Sloan, at Brockton, . . . . .	26 50
for Henry I. Sloan, at Brockton, . . . . .	10 00
for Mary Mullins and family, at Boston, . . . . .	48 00
for William Shea, . . . . .	13 00
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Total, . . . . .	\$1,168 23

\* One third paid by Holbrook. Additional expenses in almshouse paid by Holbrook.



## POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Mrs. Nathaniel Nichols, Holbrook, .	\$258 37
for Mrs. Wilfred H. Pendergrass, Holbrook, .	156 00
for Lucius Hollis and family, Holbrook, .	56 50
for Louisa Poole, Holbrook, . . .	30 00
for Bridget Hoyer, Taunton, . . .	52 00
for Alva M. Nightingale, Duxbury, . .	27 50
for Stephen Farnham, Methuen, . . .	92 25
for Nathaniel Holbrook, Abington, . .	131 75
for Frederic Fowler, Jr., Easton, . . .	229 13
for Mrs. Thomas H. Saunderson, Braintree, .	96 32
for Harriet L. Mansfield, Braintree, . .	30 00
for George F. Kehr, Canton, . . . .	51 35
for Benjamin F. Carey, Lawrence, . . .	23 76
for James Wood, Stoughton, . . . .	22 00
for William F. Fullerton (State Aid), Stoughton, . . . . .	8 04
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$1,264 97

## STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd for lodging 293 tramps in lockup, .	\$140 00
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal, . . . .	6 50
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . .	6 18
O. Lappen & Co., for merchandise, . . .	4 50
Frank F. Smith, for charcoal, . . . .	1 80
Colin Boyd, for supplies, . . . . .	3 33
T. T. Cushman, for medical aid, . . .	3 00
A. J. Gove, for carriage-hire, . . . .	1 00
	<hr/> \$166 31

Paid Warren M. Babbitt, for medical aid for	
Elizabeth Hayden, . . . . .	\$15 17
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Total, . . . . .	\$181 48

Included in the expenses of the poor in almshouse, poor out of almshouse, and poor whose settlement is in Randolph and Holbrook, are the following sums of money paid to physicians for medical aid rendered for one year:—

Dr. Charles C. Farnham, 177 visits at $30\frac{1}{3}$ cts.,	\$53 69
Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman, 59 visits, . . .	17 90
Dr. Dennis F. Kinnier, 20 visits, . . .	6 07
Dr. Augustus L. Chase, 49 visits, . . .	14 86
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt, 66 visits, . . .	20 02
Dr. Emory A. Allen, 341 visits, . . .	103 44
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	\$215 98
Dr. E. A. Allen, for medical attendance (1883),	50 00

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The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the Treasurer.

C. G. HATHAWAY,  
ELISHA MANN, JR.,  
C. F. McMAHON,  
*Auditors of the Town of Randolph.*

Randolph, March 18, 1885.



## ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, &C.,  
MARCH 2, 1885.

2 horses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$450 00
2 cows,	.	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
1 road-scraper,	.	.	.	.	.	.	175 00
3½ tons of hay, English,	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 00
1½ tons of hay, salt,	.	.	.	.	.	.	18 00
½ ton of hay, meadow,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
2 horse-carts,	.	.	.	.	.	.	130 00
1 carryall,	.	.	.	.	.	.	80 00
1 farm wagon,	.	.	.	.	.	.	60 00
1 pole wagon,	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 00
1 swing drag,	.	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
1 mowing-machine,	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
1 hay-cutter and feed-trough,	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 00
2 gravel screens,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
3 harnesses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
1 double harness.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
1 two-horse sled with shafts and pole,	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
1 stump-puller and hook,	.	.	.	.	.	.	25 00
4 draft chains,	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
1 grindstone,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
2 ploughs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
1 wheelbarrow,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
7 hay and manure forks,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
1 cultivator,	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 00
4 shovels, 1 spade,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
1 iron bar, 1 pick,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
3 hoes,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
3 rakes,	.	.	.	.	.	.	75

2 scythes and snaths, . . . . .	\$2 00
1 sawhorse, . . . . .	75
Grain and meal, . . . . .	9 00
12 hens, . . . . .	8 00
4 lbs. oatmeal, . . . . .	25
1 pound of tobacco, . . . . .	45
1 churn, . . . . .	4 00
15 bushels of potatoes, . . . . .	12 00
5 gallons of molasses, . . . . .	2 00
50 pounds of sugar, . . . . .	3 00
1 peck of beans, . . . . .	75
Carpenter's tools, . . . . .	5 00
3 bbls. flour, . . . . .	16 50
12½ pounds of chocolate, . . . . .	4 75
18 iron bedsteads, . . . . .	100 00
25 colored blankets, . . . . .	20 00
26 white blankets, . . . . .	20 00
12 bedspreads, . . . . .	9 00
21 comforters and quilts, . . . . .	20 00
9 feather-beds, . . . . .	60 00
17 under-beds, . . . . .	26 50
46 sheets, . . . . .	25 00
47 pillow-cases, . . . . .	15 00
41 feather pillows, . . . . .	13 50
31 towels, . . . . .	4 00
2 table-cloths, . . . . .	1 50
6 wooden trunks, . . . . .	3 00
4 dining-tables, . . . . .	16 00
7 small tables, . . . . .	4 00
60 chairs, . . . . .	30 00
Ash-barrels, sifter, hod and shovel, . . . . .	4 00

Cooking-stove and furniture, . . . .	\$45 00
9 flatirons, . . . . .	4 50
1 hammer, . . . . .	75
1 pair steelyards, . . . . .	1 50
1 wood saw, . . . . .	1 25
1 clothes-wringer, . . . . .	5 00
2 hammers and 35 drills, . . . . .	45 00
1 fire-extinguisher, . . . . .	40 00
1 ice-chest, . . . . .	12 00
Crockery ware, . . . . .	40 00
Wooden ware, . . . . .	20 00
Tin ware, . . . . .	12 00
7½ cords of wood, . . . . .	30 00
1 clock, . . . . .	4 00
1 road-scraper, . . . . .	15 00
3½ tons of coal, . . . . .	20 00
260 pounds of pork, . . . . .	30 00
1 washing-machine, . . . . .	5 00
50 pounds of lard, . . . . .	6 00
18 pounds of soap, . . . . .	1 00
7 pounds of washing soda . . . . .	75
Salt mackerel and codfish, . . . . .	2 50
½ barrel of apples, . . . . .	1 00
8 cans of corn, . . . . .	60
24 pounds of tapioca, . . . . .	1 00
Spice, . . . . .	2 00
Sewing-machine, . . . . .	16 00
1 web of cotton cloth, . . . . .	4 00
9 lamps, . . . . .	4 00
32 flour barrels, . . . . .	3 00
120 pounds of ham, . . . . .	16 00

4 yards of gingham,	.	.	.	.	.	\$0 40
4 brooms,	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
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						\$2,327 45

## ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1885.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town: —

For schools (see report of school committee),	.	\$8,275 00
Stetson high school (see report of trustees),	1,500 00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	.	1,500 00
Poor in almshouse,	.	2,300 00
Poor outside,	.	4,000 00
Poor, Randolph and Holbrook,	.	800 00
Military aid,	.	800 00
Interest on town debt,	.	1,300 00
Town officers,	.	2,000 00
Reduction of town debt,	.	5,000 00
Highways,	.	2,300 00
Paving,	.	200 00
Removing snow,	.	200 00
Fire department (see engineer's report),	.	1,900 00
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		\$32,075 00

Respectfully submitted,

ROYAL T. MANN,  
JOHN B. THAYER,  
RUFUS A. THAYER,  
*Selectmen of Randolph.*



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF RANDOLPH.  
1884-85.

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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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With the advent of another spring, and the near approach of the annual town meeting, comes a call to the school committee, under the sanction of custom and the requirement of law, to report to their fellow-citizens the present condition of the public schools, the efforts made and the work done therein to secure to the youth of this town a culture, valuable and useful in itself, that shall afford a reliable foundation for future work in a course of advanced education as means and inclination may prompt, and to offer any suggestions, born of the experience of the past, that may serve to increase their usefulness and broaden their sphere of beneficent results.

### SCHOOLS : THEIR CONDITION.

It is with feelings of deep gratification that the committee can, without exaggeration, report the schools under their supervision as generally in good condition ; well organized to accomplish their great mission, and provided with teachers equal to the work required at their hands, and whose fidelity and efforts in the past are a safe guaranty of success and approval in the future.

The committee commend the schools to their fellow-citizens as worthy their fullest confidence, and as deserving their cordial and unstinted support, both in money appropriations and personal influence. And more, while institutions of learning of the most advanced courses, as well as those devoted to the lower grades of instruction and training,—the so-called preparatory schools even,—need and may receive

endowment, may be supplied and equipped with adequate liberality, by buildings, apparatus, books and teachers, unless the children, all and every of them, come up daily to partake of the means thus abundantly provided, to drink at these fountains of knowledge, and grow up in the clear sunlight of sound instruction in morals, literature and science, the system fails measurable of its high purpose to develop, strengthen and ennoble the young and oncoming generation for the duties of the maturer years soon to follow.

Again the committee appeal, as in duty bound, in the child's behalf and that of the permanent good of the town, to parents and guardians of children, that none of the little ones — the children of schoolable age — be, by their neglect or cupidity, deprived of the privilege to secure a good common-school education before the time comes when they shall be turned out upon the world to shift for themselves.

Many barely escape the operations of under-stringent laws in regard to school attendance, by securing an enrolment of their children at school, and then keep them out so often and much that the attendance becomes the exception, absence the rule; thus rendering of little worth the enrolment of the child or his attendance. The whole thing is in piecemeal, patchwork and of little, very little, use. It is earnestly hoped that this bad work, this injustice and crying wrong perpetrated upon the weak and dependent, whose prolific outcome may darken and cramp the life through long toilsome years, may speedily have an end; giving place to a higher appreciation of duty and justice in the treatment of children, and a more conscientious discharge of grave responsibilities as parent and citizen.

Some cases of the employment of school-children in violation of the law by manufacturers and others, have within

the year come to the knowledge of the committee, but they were met without a resort to the remedies provided by the law. The committee respectfully, though earnestly, call upon employers of juvenile labor to co-operate with them and all good citizens and friends of the young, to secure a thorough compliance with and enforcement of the laws in regard of the attendance of children at school and their employment at labor. The welfare of the children requires this, the good of the community demands it.

#### OVER-PRESSURE. — PROMOTIONS.

No one does or can blame parents that they are anxiously solicitous for the advancement of their children in their school work. They watch their procession through the several grades of schools with more or less interest, until they approach the higher grades, when the interest reaches the proportions of deep concern and feverish anxiety. Promotion is sought and sometimes demanded with ominous threats when the work necessary to sustain promotion and render it profitable has not been done, or, as often happens, done by an over-pressure applied to the child, alike hurtful to physical and mental growth, and which develops in the succeeding years into a listless performance of school work, too often culminating in sickness, and sometimes in withdrawal from school altogether, — the clear result of undue pressure at home. Many can and should be urged on in their studies, and, with the combined influence of home and the school, with exhortation and threat, the pace is slow, the progress small and unsatisfactory. -

Others there are who need the restraining hand of wisdom, which justly measures and gauges the strength of the casket that holds the precious gems that are to be wrought upon by

education into beauty, usefulness and endurance ; but the casket is through time to hold them, and through it—the body—must they have their manifestation and expression. It is worse than folly to stimulate the mind to a growth out of proportion to that of the physical organism whose limitations it cannot cast off or disregard. This class of children are spurred on at home, and doubtless at school too, greatly to their hurt, sooner or later, both mentally and physically. They should be restrained in their brain-work to the motion and step of the more moderate and plodding, who, by the wise providence of God, are placed in companionship to slacken their speed, perchance. Ambition is desirable. It has recorded many brilliant achievements, many steps in the world's advancement. So, too, along its path of vaulting power are scattered the wrecks of dazzling genius, sanguine hopes and "bold emprise," urged by its siren spell to flights beyond the reach of stoutest wing. So promotions in school are desirable and to be coveted, but not until all the steps necessary have been well taken, till the preparatory work has been well done and a development of body and mind secured equal to the proper performance of the advanced work without strain upon body or mind, — leaving no room for the play of the desire of pupil or parent to flaunt the *name* of promotion or advance to a higher grade of school, without the ability, or intent even, to perform the work attached to the advanced position. In this connection the committee with much concern suggest to parents and teachers the exercise of greater care and a nicer discrimination in dealing with this class of children at home and at school, lest, in a mistaken estimate of the child's welfare, the fruitful seeds of future harm be sown, in this over-anxiety for, and this crowding and cramming to secure, advance in school classification.



Since writing the above there has appeared in the public press a report of a lecture by Dr. Folsom in the "School Hygiene Course," delivered in Boston, which is so in keeping with the views of the committee, and enforced with the strength of professional authority, that they are induced to append the following extracts, regretting their inability to present the whole lecture : —

"The question of over-pressure in schools has not been answered. School training either has immediate effect upon the scholar, or has an effect later in life ; but one must consider the task of the schools." "Different standards of health can be provided for imperfectly, and only with the assistance of the parents." "To the nervous temperament belong great gifts, but also the lack of self-control ; and children possessing this temperament need especial training." "St. Vitus' dance frequently occurs in school, and requires rest and medical treatment, instead of moral and mental training, which misguided parents often demand. Nervous children are capable only of a limited amount of work, and require low pressure." "The children of public schools are far below the proper standard of health, even when not possessing the nervous temperament." "Children should not enter school before five years old." "To the age of thirteen they should not study at home ; after thirteen they should study but one hour a day at home until the constitution is fully established." "Piano practice and social duties cannot be combined with the school."

#### BOOKS AND OTHER SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

At the session of the Legislature last year the following law was placed among the statutes of the State : —

"SECTION 1. The school committee of every city and

town shall purchase, at the expense of said city or town, text-books and all other school supplies used in the public schools, and said text-books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils of said public schools free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody as the school committee may prescribe.

"SEC. 2. Pupils supplied with text-books at the time of the passage of this act shall not be supplied with similar books by the committee until needed.

"SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon the first day of August, eighteen hundred and eighty-four."

It will be observed that the above went into operation the first of last August, and consequently becoming applicable to this town practically on the opening of the schools, the first week in September following. The committee attempted to adjust themselves in money asked for last spring to this operation of the new law, but it was generally known that a law was passed making school-books and other supplies free to pupils in the schools, and the result was that many of those whose children needed new books at the beginning of the spring term, by reason of promotions, did not pay for the books and other supplies, though the new law had not gone into effect at that time. This circumstance has helped to swell the book account to unusual proportions, there having been less receipts from sales made during this first term of the school year.

The committee prepared a code of rules and regulations to meet this new condition of things in the book and supply department, as follows:—



## RULES CONCERNING SCHOOL SUPPLIES LOANED TO CHILDREN OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Books and all other supplies purchased at the expense of the town by the school committee, in compliance with the law passed in the year 1884, and going into effect August 1 of the same year, shall be distributed to the pupils of the public schools by the several teachers, subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the school committee, hereunto annexed, and such others as they may, from time to time, prescribe.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Before distribution to pupils all books and other supplies, when practicable, shall be stamped, "The property of the public schools of Randolph, Mass."

2. All books and other school supplies shall be furnished to the pupils of the public schools free of charge as a loan, for their use while in attendance upon the schools aforesaid.

3. No pupil having the requisite books and supplies at the close of the last term — June 20, 1884 — shall be furnished with similar books and supplies until those on hand are used up or completed.

4. No books or supplies of any kind whatever, loaned to pupils under the law aforesaid, shall be taken by pupils from the school-rooms where used, without the consent of the teachers, who shall be responsible for books thus taken home; and teachers are specially enjoined not to permit books or other supplies to be taken from the school-rooms on or about the last day of the term.

5. Writing and drawing books, pens and drawing-pencils, shall be taken up at the close of the exercises in writing and drawing and kept in the teachers' desks till again wanted for

use. Paper, blanks, &c., for dictation exercises or other special work, and slates for juvenile work, shall be kept by the teachers and distributed at times when needed by pupils for use.

6. Each pupil whose work is at such a state of advancement as to need them, shall be supplied with a slate pencil, a common lead pencil for ordinary work, and a piece of rubber, to be retained at his desk, unless it is found by the teacher that these several articles are being used in a careless or wasteful manner, when the teacher shall cause the same to be left at his desk at the close of each session.

7. There shall be a set examination by the teachers, respectively, of all books and supplies, furnished under the law of 1884, excepting those mentioned in rule 5, at or about the close of each term of the school year, to ascertain the manner in which the books and supplies are being used and cared for by the pupils; and the results of these examinations shall be reported to the school committee at the meeting when teachers are paid off. A careful supervision over this part of the public property from day to day by the teachers is not to be neglected by compliance with the foregoing.

8. As these books and other school supplies, to the amount of several hundred dollars, always on hand, are included in the term public property as decidedly as school-houses and fences are, any wanton, mischievous or malicious injury thereto, or destruction of, becomes an indictable offence under the laws against injury to or destruction of public property, and will be followed up by prosecution and punishment upon conviction.

9. A record of all books and slates, with the exception of those mentioned in rule 5, shall be kept by each teacher in

a book to be provided by the school committee, stating the names of the pupils supplied, the articles furnished and the number in the list of each pupil's set.

The committee are pleased to be able to report that the teachers and pupils have been painstaking in compliance with the foregoing rules and regulations, and in the use of this new description of "town property," that no loss or unnecessary wear and tear be sustained. The supplies of every kind and description have been thus far used with as great economy and care as would have been the case had they been the property of individuals as in former years. What is to be the expense to the town in the long run, as compared with the expense under the old system and which was borne by those whose children used the books and supplies, sufficient time has not elapsed since the new law went into effect to determine. The indications from the short experience under the new law are that it will be greater; though in part compensation for this excess, should it occur, will stand the important fact that the pupils are more fully equipped at all times for the work in hand.

#### TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

During the terms of the school year there have been meetings of the teachers with the committee with tolerable regularity, when matters connected with school government and methods of teaching have been discussed, to the end that the best in theory and practice, found in any one school, might be incorporated unto all.

The interchange, as among friends having a common purpose, of thought, and comparison of theories, methods and practice for which these meetings furnish the occasion, have been of great value as means in bringing the schools of the

town, as a whole, to their present high standing. A healthy emulation among the teachers is awakened by a frequent comparison of results, and methods and plans which had once commended themselves are often abandoned for others shown to work better; thus recognizing the sentiment of "the survival of the fittest."

#### LENGTH OF SCHOOLS, ATTENDANCE, SICKNESS, &C.

The schools have been kept this year thirty-eight weeks exclusive of vacations, with the exception of single holidays from time to time, with the same number of teachers as last year at salaries shown in the financial statement making a part of this report.

By actual enumeration under the direction of the committee, by law required, there were in the town, May 1, 1884, six hundred and seventy-six children between the ages of five and fifteen years, nine more than the year before. By the teachers' registers it appears that six hundred and sixty-nine have been enrolled during the year, exclusive of the High School enrolment and those in Miss Boyd's Kindergarten School.

The following named have been reported to the committee as not having been absent during the year, and constitute the "Roll of Honor" in attendance:—

Fred. A. Bodwell.	Lizzie Brady.	Arthur A. Thayer.
Wm. Ray Spear.	Geo. N. Wilbur.	Lillian J. Sloan.
Wm. L. Fulsom.	Percy C. Whiting.	Joseph Clark.
Lillian A. Langley.	Florence E. Langley.	Sarah E. Stetson.
Lizzie Dolan.	William Pope.	Alice Sullivan.

Total, 15; four less than was recorded last year in this "roll."



There has, without doubt, been more sickness this year than last to interrupt school attendance. Though the maladies more or less prevalent among the children have been for the most part of a mild type, they have interfered very seriously with the attendance at school, notably in the ungraded schools No. 1 and No. 3. Were it not for the seemingly unavoidable visitations of the so-called juvenile maladies, the committee feel that they would have the great pleasure of here congratulating their fellow-citizens upon the best school attendance known for years. The start at the beginning of the year was unprecedentedly good and full of promise.

During the year covered by this report, the connection with the public schools of Miss Sarah E. Shankland and Miss Emma H. King has ceased; in the former case, after a prolonged course of devoted service, remembered with respect and gratitude by many who are now active in the affairs of this community in sustaining institutions they learned under her instructions to understand and value; in the latter case, after a course of service of less extent in time, but of equal devotion to the interests of the school department of the town. They retire from the service with the best wishes of the committee and the citizens of the town, for their prosperity and happiness in whatever relations of life they may hereafter move.

#### REPAIRS.

The North Grammar School building has been painted outside and in, and the several rooms and halls calcimined in walls and ceilings and tinted to hues of beauty favorable to the eye of the student. This cost \$138.

The yard here has been improved by removing the top of an outcropping ledge of rock which rendered dangerous a large and otherwise desirable part of the yard as a play-

ground, grading the same and adjoining portions in part, and putting up a strong, tight board fence along the south side of the yard. This cost \$237.34.

A bookcase for the reception of books and other supplies under the new law was needed at this school-house, and has been supplied at a cost of \$18, making a total of \$393.34 for permanent repairs.

The committee recommend that the No. 1 school-house be painted outside and in at an estimated cost of \$100, and that the ceiling of the upper room, which alone is used for school purposes, be newly plastered and other smaller pieces of mason work be done to prepare the room and the halls for the painter, at an estimated cost of \$50.

A portion of the fence around the Prescott Primary School building will need to be reset, and the outbuildings to be renovated and enlarged, with suitable vaults to answer the ends of proper sanitary conditions, at an estimated cost of \$100.

Thus making up the amount of \$250 for what may be classed as permanent repairs for the ensuing year. Other than the above the committee do not anticipate more than the ordinary repairs from the usual wear and tear of things in school use, and will ask for the same amount as last year for incidentals, \$400.

#### TRUANTS AND TRUANCY.

The truant officers have been called to investigate the causes of absence from school in quite a large number of cases, more than in former years, it seems ; but for the most part their efforts were successful in securing the attendance of the absentees.

Actual truancy was developed in only a small number of



instances. The children were out of school, it appeared, for the most trivial reasons, often for lack of foresight or seasonable thought on the parents' part in getting slight service from the child before school in season for attendance. They report that absence, and even truancy, are due rather to the parents through the want of proper home influence and management, than to the bad heart or depraved disposition of the child. No case of truancy has been dealt with other than in the spirit of forbearance, through persuasion and entreaty; but there are some cases, unless reformation soon takes place, that may require the rigors of the law in their treatment.

The committee respectfully recommend that the town raise and appropriate for the support of public schools the ensuing year the following:—

For teaching, . . . . .	\$6,500 00
fuel, . . . . .	350 00
care of rooms, . . . . .	425 00
permanent repairs:	
painting No. 1 building, . . . . .	\$100
mason work " " . . . . .	50
resetting fence, &c., Prescott	
Primary, . . . . .	100
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	250 00
general and incidental expenses, . . . . .	400 00
books and other supplies, . . . . .	350 00
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Total, . . . . .	\$8,275 00

## STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE, 1884-5.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. belonging.	Average whole number belonging.	Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number over 15 years.	Number under 15 years.	Number not absent during the year.
<i>Prescott Grammar.</i>	Thomas H. West.	57	54	50	92.6	2		1
	Isabelle G. Driscoll.	49	46	42	91.3	2		
	Kate E. Sheridan.	48	44	40	90.0			
	Mary A. Molloy.	36	34	32	95.0			3
<i>Prescott Primary.</i>	Mary E. Wren.	33	31	29	93.0			
	Kittie R. Molloy.	44	38	36	95.0			1
	Sarah J. McGaughey.	62	44	37	84.0		10	0
<i>North Grammar.</i>	Joseph Belcher.	67	58	54	93.7	2		4
	Alice A. Smith.	44	41	39	94.1			1
<i>North Primary.</i>	Emma D. Stetson.	38	37	32	86.4			0
	Carrie L. Wilkins.	39	29	23	78.4		6	2
<i>No. 1. Ungraded.</i>	Minnie W. Corliss.	36	28	22	76.8		4	0
" 3. "	Helen P. Henry.	45	40	34	85.0		2	0
" 5. "	Sara C. Belcher.	34	26	24	92.0	1		3
" 6. "	Emma H. King.	37	32	28	87.0		4	0
- Totals		669	582	522	89.0	7	26	15

## EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS—1884-5.

## FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, 1 year,	. . . . .	\$1,000 00
Joseph Belcher,	. . . . .	900 00
Sarah E. Shankland,	. . . . .	153 92
Isabelle G. Driscoll,	. . . . .	411 50
Kittie E. Sheridan,	. . . . .	392 50
Alice A. Smith,	. . . . .	375 06
Helen P. Henry,	. . . . .	362 90
Mary A. Molloy,	. . . . .	380 00
Sara C. Belcher,	. . . . .	362 90
Emma H. King,	. . . . .	342 00
Mary E. Wren,	. . . . .	367 00
Kitty R. Molloy,	. . . . .	342 00
Emma D. Stetson,	. . . . .	342 00
Minnie W. Corliss,	. . . . .	316 50
Carrie L. Wilkins,	. . . . .	297 50
Sarah J. McGaughey,	. . . . .	162 50
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		\$6,508 28

## FOR FUEL.

Paid Herbert C. Wilbur, preparing wood,	. . . . .	\$3 00
Mrs. Lewis T. Stetson, preparing wood,		
broom,	. . . . .	3 85
Isaac N. Linfield, coal,	. . . . .	90 00
Fred A. Spear, 26 barrels shavings,	. . . . .	3 25
Peter Sheridan, sawing and splitting wood,	. . . . .	13 50
Royal W. Turner, coal,	. . . . .	169 50
Morton Holbrook, preparing wood,		
No. Grammar,	. . . . .	2 75
Edwid M. Mann, wood,	. . . . .	10 00

Paid Adam F. Jones, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood, . . . .	\$2 50
Adam F. Jones, sawing and splitting, . .	1 50
Daniel Leahy, 3 cords pine wood, . . .	15 00
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	\$314 85

## CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley, . . . . .	\$218 26
Galen Hollis, . . . . .	77 00
Herbert C. Wilbur, . . . . .	25 00
Emma H. King, . . . . .	21 00
Mrs. Lewis T. Stetson, . . . . .	25 00
Mrs. Julia Connor, . . . . .	8 33
Mrs. Rose Gill, . . . . .	9 83
Mrs. Mary Shields, . . . . .	5 00
John T. Wales, . . . . .	33 00
Boy drawing water for cleaning, . . .	5 00
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	\$427 42

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid David J. Foley, labor and removing snow,	\$6 00
David J. Foley, services as truant officer, .	25 00
John T. Wales, use of well two years, . .	6 00
E. M. Roel, gravel for Prescott school-yard,	
1883, . . . . .	16 24
Thomas Farrell, services as truant officer,	
1883, . . . . .	25 00
Galen Hollis, services as truant officer, 1883,	25 00
Galen Hollis, services as truant officer, 1884,	15 00
Winslow Alden, labor and material, . . .	8 92
John Lyons, carriage hire, 1883, . . .	1 50
D. H. Huxford, printing and advertising,	
1883, . . . . .	18 75

Paid D. H. Huxford, printing and advertising, 1884, . . . . .	\$19 00
William B. Brown, labor and material, .	7 80
Joseph Belcher, binding dictionary, . .	2 00
Thomas H. West, selling books, one term,	16 67
N. H. Tirrell, glass, repairs, &c., . .	4 37
E. W. Campagna, repairs, . . . .	39 43
Nathaniel Noyes, repairs, . . . .	4 64
Lawrence Hayes, use of well, 1884, . .	3 00
J. A. Littlefield, tuning piano, . .	2 00
W. Battles, taking census, . . . .	20 00
J. E. Nash, repairing clocks, 1883 and 1884,	12 00
T. S. Rounds, repairing reference book, .	2 30
Richard Stevens, setting glass, . .	37
W. T. Piper, labor and repairs, . .	2 50
Thomas Riley, removing snow, . .	1 50
M. M. Alden, labor and material, . .	3 10
Charles Prescott, . . . . .	4 44
Charles A. Wales, . . . . .	31 34
D. B. White & Co., . . . . .	14 90
Colin Boyd, care of committee's room, .	6 00
John B. Thayer, labor on water-pipes, .	5 50
A. J. Gove, expressage and teams, . .	27 90
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	\$378 17

#### PERMANENT REPAIRS.

Paid E. W. Campagna, fence \$40, bookcase \$18,	\$58 00
M. P. Pike, labor on North Grammar school-yard, . . . . .	178 34
N. H. Tirrell, painting North Grammar school-house, . . . . .	138 00



Paid Thomas Fardy & Son, iron posts, North Grammar school . . . . .	\$19 00
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	\$393 34

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES — BOOKS, &amp;C.

Paid Knight, Adams & Co., merchandise, .	\$21 00
Clafin & Brown, " .	8 50
A. C. Stockton, " .	35 50
Copperthwait & Co., " .	13 64
Harper Brothers, " .	4 80
Ward & Gay, " .	2 00
Charles H. Whitney, " .	1 17
Harrison Hume, " .	11 34
Boston School Supply Co., " .	16 98
William Ware & Co., " .	107 63
Ginn, Heath & Co., " .	9 72
Rubber Co., Derry, N.H., 3 stamps for books, .	12 00
Harrison Hume, merchandise, .	39 13
William Ware & Co., " .	181 36
Harper Brothers, " .	54 52
Carroll W. Clark, " .	12 60
Geo. F. King & Merrill, " .	21 30
Ginn, Heath & Co., " .	55 50
Clafin & Brown, " .	4 65
Boston School Supply Co., " .	17 36
Knight, Adams & Co., " .	18 40
Boston School Supply Co., " .	8 55
Geo. F. King & Merrill, " .	11 20
William Ware & Co., " .	17 87
Gardner Wright, two pencil sharpeners, .	10 00
Ward & Gay, . . . . .	2 00
Clafin & Brown, . . . . .	4 50



Paid Carroll W. Clark, . . . . .	\$7 00
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	\$710 22

## RECAPITULATION.

Teaching, . . . . .	\$6,508 28
Fuel, . . . . .	314 85
Care of rooms, . . . . .	427 42
Books, school supplies, &c., . . . . .	710 22
Permanent repairs, . . . . .	393 34
Miscellaneous and incidental, . . . . .	378 17
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Total expenditure, . . . . .	\$8,732 28

## FUNDS APPLICABLE TO SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the town for teaching, . . . . .	\$6,120 00
"                    " fuel, . . . . .	378 00
"                    " care of rooms, . . . . .	436 00
"                    " books and supplies, . . . . .	316 00
"                    " permanent repairs, . . . . .	350 00
"                    " miscell. and incid., . . . . .	400 00
Received from State, . . . . .	193 37
"            " Coddington fund, . . . . .	100 00
"            " sale of books, 1884, . . . . .	149 01
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	\$8,442 38
Expense of schools, . . . . .	\$8,732 28
Income from all sources, . . . . .	8,442 38
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Excess over amount applicable to schools, . . . . .	\$289 90

To offset the above there is, of stock paid for, the value of \$408.41.

WINSLOW BATTLES,	} <i>School</i>
THOMAS DOLAN,	
JOHN B. WREN,	

*Committee.*

Randolph, March 19, 1885.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
RANDOLPH, February 28, 1885.

*To the Selectmen of Randolph:*

Gentlemen, — The undersigned, engineers of the Randolph Fire Department, submit the following report of the department for the year ending February 28, 1885: —

In accordance with instructions from your office, we met at headquarters and organized the department as follows: —

### ENGINEERS.

C. A. Wales (*Chief*), John Haney, W. A. Croak (*Clerk*).

### COMPANIES.

Steamer No. 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; J. H. Wales, *Engineer*; W. B. Brown, *Fireman*.

Hose Co. No. 1, 20 men, James Farrell, *Foreman*.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, 25 men, S. A. Foster, *Foreman*.

Extinguisher Co. No. 1, 15 men, Thomas Halloran, *Foreman*.

Steamer No. 2, Charles Allen, *Driver*; E. L. Payne, *Engineer*; G. F. Howard, *Fireman*.

Hose (horse) No. 2, 10 men, G. W. Shedd, *Foreman*, Cyrus H. Thayer, *Driver*.

There have been fires in town as follows: —

June 24, 1884, at 12 M. An alarm for fire in the roof of the Congregational Church, caused by a spark from the fire-

pot of a tinker at work on the gutters of said church. Damage, \$100. Insured. All the apparatus present except Steamer No. 2.

August 6, 5.45 A.M. Alarm for fire in the L of building on Main street, owned by heirs of John O'Brien; occupied by Powderly's oyster saloon. Cause of fire supposed to be incendiary. Damage, \$100. Insured. Whole department responded.

August 25, 12.20 A.M. A small frame building on High street, owned by T. B. Jones. Totally consumed. Incendiary. Damage, \$400. Insured. No alarm on the bells. None of the department present.

October 13, 2.50 P.M. An alarm for a fire on High street, Tower Hill, in the buildings belonging to Catherine Dolan (formerly known as the Jacob Niles estate), consisting of dwelling-house, barn, shed and hall, all of which were destroyed. Cause of fire supposed to be incendiary. Damage about \$3,000. Insured, on building, \$2,000; on contents, \$1,000. All the department present.

December 20, 1.30 P.M. Fire was discovered in the dwelling-house on South Main street, not far from Stoughton line, owned by Eleazer Beal, and occupied by Roswell G. Cox. Totally destroyed. Cause of fire, defective chimney. Damage, \$700. Insured, \$500. No alarm on the bells. None of the apparatus present.

January 4, 1885, 9.30 A.M. Fire was discovered in the dwelling-house on Lafayette street, owned and occupied by Lawrence Hayes. Cause of fire, defective chimney. Damage, \$50. Insured. No alarm on the bells. Extinguisher Company present.

## REPAIRS OF HOUSES.

There have been some repairs made on all the houses, and also some much-needed improvements in the houses of extinguisher No. 1 and steamer No. 2. At the house of extinguisher No. 1, the cistern underneath the building formerly used by the hand engines having caved in, we were obliged to fill it up, and for the purpose of furnishing water for use there, we caused a tank to be placed in the building to be filled from the roof; we also had a top or second floor laid in the room of the first story (there having been only a single floor previous), it being almost impossible to keep the machine from freezing up in the coldest of weather.

At the house of steamer 2 we have also put in a tank in order that the employés of the department might not trouble the wells of people in the neighborhood, and because of the worthlessness of the cistern at that house, which will have to be filled the coming spring.

The inside arrangement of the houses is in very good condition, the roofs will need slight repairs the coming year, and ere long a coat of paint will be needed for some of the buildings.

## APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in good condition, which consists of two steamers, two hose carriages, one chemical engine, one hook and ladder truck, 2,800 feet of canvas hose, and other necessary appliances, including a set of double harnesses and a single harness at the house of steamer 2, and a set of double harnesses at the house of steamer 1. We have placed two ladders in the houses of steamer 2 and extinguisher No. 1 for use in those neighborhoods. With the advice of the selectmen we have sold the hand engine (Inde-

pendence) to the town of Needham for three hundred dollars.

## EXPENSES.

Paid 47 men, services 1 year to May 1, 1884,	
as per vote of town, \$8, . . . . .	\$376 00
47 men 385½ hours' time at fires, &c., at 25	
cents, as per vote, . . . . .	96 38
Engineers and firemen of steamers, 40 and	
30, to May 1, 1884, . . . . .	140 00
W. B. Brown, steward, care of fires, &c.,	
January 1, 1884, to February 28, 1885,	82 39
James H. Wales, care of steamer 1, &c.,	28 66
John B. Wren, shovelling snow, . . . . .	5 38
E. L. Payne, care of steamer 2, &c., . . . . .	46 63
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer 1, to May 1,	
1884, 2 months, . . . . .	33 33
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer 1, from May	
1, 1884, to March 1, 1885, 10 months,	250 00
A. J. Gove, drawing truck, hose, extin-	
guisher, coal, expressing, &c., . . . . .	24 73
Josiah Clark, drawing steamer 2 and hose 2,	42 00
Colin Boyd, care of room engineers' meet-	
ings, 2 years, to March, 1885, . . . . .	12 00
M. F. Whitten & Co., rope for Independ-	
ence. . . . .	4 11
Mary Sullivan, rent of land, extinguisher	
house, . . . . .	10 00
E. Hodge & Co., repairs steamer 1, . . . . .	4 20
J. B. McGrane, steward and care of fire ex-	
tinguisher 1, from February 18, 1884, to	
August 30, 1884, . . . . .	22 50



Paid A. S. Jackson, spanners, waste, &c.,	\$8 50
R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	99 63
James Reilly, rent of land steamer 2,	15 00
Manchester Locomotive Works, repairs steamer 1,	5 25
M. M. Alden, lumber, nails, &c.,	78 70
W. A. Croak, labor and cash paid,	32 39
N. H. Tirrell, painting, ladders, lanterns, &c.,	7 00
J. T. Manning, filling cistern extinguisher 1,	4 50
Lewis Thompson, labor on Independence,	2 63
Charles Prescott, supplies steamer 2,	2 89
Bishop Brothers, ladders,	19 50
J. B. Thayer, labor on reservoirs,	8 00
N. E. Knight, steward hook and ladder No. 1,	10 00
A. L. Tirrell, supplies extinguisher No. 1,	2 03
G. F. Howard, steward, care of fires from February 23, 1884, to	47 30
G. Dunbar & Co., hand grenades,	5 00
C. A. Wales, cash paid sundry persons,	31 60
C. A. Wales, labor, material and supplies,	102 10
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	10 24
H. C. Hickey, damage to well, Dolan fire,	8 00
F. H. Langley, iron works, steamer 2,	2 50
T. Fardy & Son, iron work, reservoirs,	1 60
J. Clark, wood,	1 50
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	\$1,683 67

Amount of appropriation for 1884-

85, for general expenses (ap-  
propriation 1884),

\$1,100 00

Pay of men (appropriation  
1883),

840 00

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\$1,940 00



## EXPENSES.

Paid 47 men \$8.00 each,	:	.	\$376 00	
47 men 385½ hours,	.	.	96 38	
engineers and fireman,	.	.	140 00	
general expenses,	.	.	1,071 29	
			<hr/>	\$1,683 67
Balance,	.	.	.	\$256 33

## RESERVOIRS.

The reservoirs are all full and in good order at the present time.

It has been the opinion of engineers, as it is of the present board, that the town should build one or more reservoirs every year.

The main street is at the present time, with the exception of one or two places, well supplied with water for fire purposes, and although the citizens have been taxed for building and maintaining of the same, a large part of the town is without the necessary water supply.

We think that taking the cost of reservoirs, which is about \$800 each, beside the expense of filling and keeping them full, that the same amount if applied to placing of hydrants, they could be put in a great many places where a supply of water for fire purposes is actually needed, and would give the citizens of the town a more equal supply, than by building reservoirs, for which they have to pay their share of the tax.

And we would recommend that no action be taken in regard to building reservoirs, until the question of a water supply is decided by a vote of the town.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1885-86.

We would recommend that the town pay the firemen \$12 per year, and 25 cents per hour for actual service, and that engineers of steamers be paid \$40; firemen of steamer, \$30.

## Men :

For 2 engineers,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$80 00
2 firemen,	.	.	.	.	.	.	60 00
General expenses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00

## HAND GRENADES.

We have purchased a few hand grenades, *or fire extinguishers*, and propose to purchase more of them to be placed in different sections of the town as follows: Each engine house, also at Tower Hill, West Corners, North street, South street, and No. 1 school-house, and we would suggest that occupants, or owners of factories, stores, &c., purchase them for use upon their premises, as serious fires might be prevented by the use of these grenades in the early stage of a fire. We have seen them tested, and believe they are what they are recommended to be.

In closing this report, we most heartily tender our thanks to all members of the department, also to the board of selectmen, for all courtesies and favors received at their hands.

C. A. WALES,  
JOHN HANEY,  
W. A. CROAK.



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## TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT

Paid 784 Town Orders drawn by the Selectmen, . . . . .	\$31,739 65	
Treasury Notes, . . . . .	18,000 00	
Interest on Treasury Notes, . . . . .	1,121 63	
Turner Free Library, Dog Money as per vote of town, . . . . .	431 69	
State Treasurer:		
Amount of State Tax, . . . . .	\$2,900 00	
" National Bank Tax, . . . . .	2,584 61	
" Adjustment of Corporation Tax, . . . . .	4 16	
		5,488 77
Expense:		
Doctor A. L. Chase, returning births, . . . . .	\$1 50	
Doctor E. A. Allen, returning births, . . . . .	6 00	
Doctor T. T. Cushman, returning births, . . . . .	2 25	
Doctor F. C. Granger, returning births, . . . . .	6 50	
Doctor Wm. M. Babbitt, returning births, . . . . .	50	
Doctor C. C. Farnham, returning births, . . . . .	1 50	
Town Clerk, returning births, marriages and deaths, . . . . .	61 25	
Ralph Houghton, returning deaths, . . . . .	18 50	
Town Clerk, Election Returns, Stoughton, . . . . .	5 00	
Town Treasurer, Salary, . . . . .	100 00	
Stamps, \$3; Postal Cards, \$2; Book, \$3; Stationery, \$3, . . . . .	11 00	
		214 00

Balance, . . . . .	\$7,180 08
	<u>\$64,813 82</u>

## WITH HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

CR.

Balance,						\$6,489 55
Received for Treasury Notes,						12,000 00
" Tax Bill, 1884,						31,576 18
" Bank Dividends,						80 00
" of E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, interest on taxes, 1883,						169 03
" of C. C. Churchill, Treasurer, Dog Money,						431 69
" of F. Porter, Liquor License,				\$1 00		
" of F. E. Fay & Co., Liquor License,				1 00		
" of S. B. Shaw, Billiard License,				2 00		
" of Isaac Niles, Auctioneer License,				2 00		
" of Q. H. Eddy, Peddler,				10 00		
						<hr/> 16 00
" of Weymouth Insurance Co, Premium on Policy,						18 90
" of Supt. School Committee, Books sold, 1884,						149 01
" of E. M. Roel, Tax Col., additional taxes, 1883,						83 32
" of Town of Needham, for Independence Engine,						300 00
" of H. L. Peirce, rent of "Ponkapog Pond,"						10 00
" of State Treasurer:				\$20 00		
on account of State Pau-				65 00		
pers,				90 50—	\$175 50	
on account of Corporation			2,763 37			
Tax,			300 55—		3,063 92	
on account of National			3,586 48			
Bank Tax,			302 26—		3,888 74	
on account of State Aid					1,624 00	
on account of Aid to Indigent Soldiers						
and Sailors, Act of 1879,					857 99	
on account of State School Fund,					193 37	
						<hr/> 9,803 52
" of City of Taunton, pauper,						53 00
" of City of Lawrence, pauper, \$82 78, \$23 76,						106 54
" of Town of Methuen, pauper,						86 25
" of Town of Canton, pauper,						87 63
" of Town of Braintree, pauper,						173 58
" of Town Farm, labor, and produce sold,						843 02
" of Town of Duxbury, pauper,						40 78
" of Town of Holbrook, balance in settlement,						1,422 09
" of Town of Easton, pauper, \$238 00, \$20 00,						258 00
" of Richard Adams for "old almshouse," sold,						500 00
" for Salt Grass,						20 00
" for 1 Poll Tax, Selectmen,						2 00
" for Extra Repairs on Highways, Selectmen,						41 48
" for Cash refunded on pauper acct.,						52 25
						<hr/> \$64,813 82

## STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.

## DR.

Note to Randolph Savings Bank, due April 25, 1885, . . .	\$5,000 00
Notes to Patrick McMahon, due April 25, 1886. . . . .	4,000 00
Note to Lemuel Wentworth, due April 25, 1886, . . . . .	1,700 00
Note to Lucy A. Wilbur, due April 25, 1887, . . . . .	800 00
Note to Turner Free Library, on demand, . . . . .	5,000 00
Note to Randolph Savings Bank, on demand, . . . . .	5,000 00
Note to Randolph Savings Bank, on demand, . . . . .	2,000 00
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	\$24,000 00
Accrued interest on above Notes, . . . . .	320 00
Estimated amount of unpaid Bills, . . . . .	300 00
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	\$24,620 00

## CR.

Coddington Fund, 8 Shares Randolph Nat. Bank, \$1,600 00	
Salt Marsh, . . . . .	500 00
Due from E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, Tax of 1884, . . . . .	3,328 26
Due from other towns, . . . . .	598 67
Due from State Aid, . . . . .	1,789 00
Due from State Aid to Soldiers and Sailors, Act of 1879, . . . . .	836 92
Due from Treasurer, . . . . .	4,489 82
Due for Board at Town Farm, . . . . .	129 58
Coal on hand not delivered, . . . . .	234 00
School Books, . . . . .	408 41
Balance, . . . . .	10,705 34
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	\$24,620 00
Net Town Debt, 1884, . . . . .	\$16,986 87
Net Town Debt, 1885, . . . . .	10,705 34
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Town Debt reduced, . . . . .	6,281 53

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the town Treasurer, and find the same correctly kept, and proper vouchers and entries made for all payments and receipts.

C. G. HATHAWAY,  
ELISHA MANN, JR.,  
C. F. McMAHON,  
*Auditors.*

Randolph, March 18, 1885.



## STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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*To the Selectmen and Inhabitants of the Town of Randolph:*

The trustees of the Stetson school fund beg leave to submit their annual report, with the general assurance that it will meet the approbation of those interested in and addressed on the subject.

The funds remain as hitherto reported, with the addition of one thousand dollars recently invested on account of Mr. Turner's donation :

10 shares Eliot National Bank, Boston (par), .	\$1,000 00
10 shares Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Shoe and Leather National Bank, Boston (par), . . . . .	1,000 00
10 shares Exchange National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Boylston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Tremont National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
20 shares Old Boston National Bank, Boston (par), . . . . .	1,000 00
13 shares Shawmut National Bank, Boston (par),	1,300 00
13 shares Randolph National Bank, Randolph (par), . . . . .	1,300 00
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	\$10,600 00

### TURNER FUND.

City of Minneapolis, Minn., bond, . . .	\$1,000 00
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## THE STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

By the annexed financial exhibit, it will be perceived that the income from the fund, together with the town appropriation, has been insufficient to meet the demands of the school, in consequence of the town's refusal to contribute a sum asked for — fifteen hundred dollars. Without the above sum it was impossible to carry on the school in the manner required by the constantly increasing demands made upon it. The school will commence its annual session on the 7th of April, provided that sufficient money is raised by the town, in addition to the income from the fund, to defray the expenses.

We announce our selection of teachers as last year: Mr. E. N. Lovering for principal, Miss Ada B. Chandler for assistant. We feel and desire to express all our previous satisfaction with the work of both.

They are, the trustees believe, amply qualified for the performance of their respective duties.

The laboratory continues to be of undiminished value to the school. The town is to be congratulated upon the possession of both institution and instructors. The one is the material, the other the instrument, for the performance of a work in every way beneficial to the community.

The annual public examination occurred on the 12th of March in the general school-room. The graduation exercises in the Stetson Hall followed in the afternoon. There could be desired no better proof of the application of pupils and the efficiency of their instruction, than was afforded by the performance of the above exercises. At the close there was the usual delivery of diplomas to all members of the graduating class. In addition, two medals from the Turner fund were presented to the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

## NAMES OF GRADUATES.

Clifton Waldermar Merrill Blanchard.

Lucius Alden Tolman.

Addie Florence Morton.

Emma Louise Belcher.

Margaret Alden.

Sarah Marion Higgins.

Near the close of the school year applicants for admission to the school the ensuing year were examined. Of these, thirty-four, — twenty-one girls and thirteen boys, — being found to meet the requirements, were given permission to enter the school at its re-opening.

T. T. CUSHMAN,  
DANIEL HOWARD,  
WINSLOW BATTLES,

*Trustees of Stetson School Fund.*

Randolph, February 19, 1885.

## DR. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT

1884.

April 1.	To dividends	Eliot National Bank, . . .	\$30 00	
		Webster National Bank, . . .	20 00	
		Hide & Leather National Bank, . . .	25 00	
		Shoe & Leather National Bank, . . .	25 00	
		Exchange National Bank, . . .	30 00	
		Boylston National Bank, . . .	25 00	
		Tremont National Bank, . . .	25 00	
		Old Boston National Bank, . . .	25 00	
		Shawmut National Bank, . . .	32 50	
		Randolph National Bank, . . .	65 00	
				\$302 50
April 28.	Town Appropriation (in part), . . .			600 00
Sept. 29.	Town Appropriation (balance of), . . .			600 00
Oct. 1.	To dividends	Eliot National Bank, . . .	\$30 00	
		Webster National Bank, . . .	20 00	
		Hide & Leather National Bank, . . .	25 00	
		Shoe & Leather National Bank, . . .	25 00	
		Exchange National Bank, . . .	30 00	
		Boylston National Bank, . . .	25 00	
		Tremont National Bank, . . .	25 00	
		Old Boston National Bank, . . .	25 00	
		Shawmut National Bank, . . .	39 00	
		Randolph National Bank, . . .	65 00	
				309 00
Dec. 18.	Tax on Bank Stock refunded by State, . . .			208 55
1885.				
Feb. 24.	A donation, . . . . .			350 00
	Amount received from rental of hall, . . .			156 00

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 \$2,526 05

## WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1884.	By Balance against the Fund, . . . . .	\$120 34
April 1.	Paying Nathaniel Noyes, repairs, . . . . .	3 41
1.	R. W. Turner, insurance, . . . . .	35 00
1.	J. White Belcher, insurance, . . . . .	69 75
May 20.	Miss P. W. Bunker, rent of piano, . . . . .	18 40
June 19.	D. H. Huxford, bill, . . . . .	19 00
19.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, salary, . . . . .	188 16
21.	Colin Boyd, bill, . . . . .	23 16
July 1.	E. N. Lovering, salary to date, . . . . .	375 00
Oct. 24.	Edwin M. Mann, wood, . . . . .	7 75
Nov. 15.	F. F. Smith, charcoal, . . . . .	4 80
20.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, salary to date, . . . . .	159 21
20.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, books, . . . . .	2 25
26.	Colin Boyd, bill, . . . . .	20 96
Dec. 3.	E. N. Lovering, salary to October 1, . . . . .	375 00
3.	E. N. Lovering, bill of chemicals, &c., . . . . .	28 17
6.	J. White Belcher, insurance of piano, . . . . .	1 60
15.	R. W. Turner & Co., coal, . . . . .	45 50
31.	James E. Nash, repairs on clock, . . . . .	6 00
1885.		
Jan. 1.	Charles A. Wales, bill, . . . . .	25 95
27.	F. Porter, bill, . . . . .	11 30
30.	E. N. Lovering, salary to January 1, . . . . .	375 00
Mar. 9.	N. H. Tirrell, repairs, . . . . .	4 50
12.	for stationery, . . . . .	50
13.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, balance of salary, . . . . .	202 63
13.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, school supplies, . . . . .	2 00
13.	E. N. Lovering, balance of salary, . . . . .	375 00
	Trustees and Secretary, one year, . . . . .	20 00
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		\$2,520 34
	Balance, . . . . .	5 71
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		\$2,526 05

C. G. HATHAWAY,

*Secretary.*

The undersigned, selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made an examination of the accounts of the trustees of Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct. The investments remain in the bank stock reported by the trustees, same as last year, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of the secretary, C. G. Hathaway.

We also find in the hands of the secretary a \$1,000 bond, the investment for the Turner Fund, the same as reported by the trustees.

ROYAL T. MANN,  
JOHN B. THAYER,  
RUFUS A. THAYER,

*Selectmen of Randolph.*

Randolph, March 17, 1885.



## TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

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### TRUSTEES 1884-85.

J. WHITE BELCHER, *President.*

REV. J. C. FOSTER, D.D., *Vice-President.*

ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*

GILBERT A. TOLMAN, *Secretary.*

ROYAL T. MANN, JOHN B. THAYER, RUFUS A. THAYER.

*Selectmen of Randolph, ex officiis.*

REV. JOHN C. LABAREE, BENJAMIN DICKERMAN,

DANIEL HOWARD, JOHN V. BEAL, NATHANIEL HOWARD,

J. WINSOR PRATT, JOHN B. THAYER, EDWIN N. LOVERING.

*Librarian:*

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

*Assistant:*

MISS MARGARET W. BOYD.

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### PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In compliance with article 3 of the by-laws of the Turner Free Library, the ninth annual report is herewith submitted, showing the condition of the trust, the building, library and funds, with extracts from the reports of different committees, presented to the trustees, for the year ending December 31, 1884.

### TRUST.

The trust, which consists of the library building, library,

funds invested, and the income arising therefrom, remains the same as last year.

#### BUILDING.

The committee on building (consisting of Royal W. Turner, Rev. J. C. Foster and John B. Thayer) report the total amount expended for the year ending December 31, 1884, has been \$833.38; for new book-cases, \$126.20; gasoline, \$231.59; fuel, \$157.50; expressing, \$25.58; janitor, \$125.00; insurance, \$131.25; other sundry supplies, \$36.46. The parties who have been supplied with light and heat have paid their proportionate part of the same, as assessed by the committee. The building and contents are in good condition and no large expense for the present year is anticipated.

#### FUNDS.

The statement of the committee on finance, herewith submitted, shows the condition of the investments, and the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1884, are set forth in detail in the accompanying report of the Treasurer.

For the current year the income is estimated as follows:—

From rents,	.	.	.	.	\$600 00
Interest on town note,	.	.	.	.	300 00
From Turner fund,	.	.	.	.	510 00
				—————	\$1,410 00

#### LIBRARY.

The annual examination of the library has been made by the library committee (consisting of Rev. J. C. Labaree, Rev. J. C. Foster, J. White Belcher, Benjamin Dickerman and Edwin N. Lovering), and with very few exceptions the

books were found in the same excellent condition as in former years. The faithful attention of the librarian and his assistant to the duties of their respective positions is fully appreciated by the trustees. It is expected a second supplement to the catalogue will be issued about July 1 of the present year. During the past year a reference "annex" has been fitted up with new book-cases, which now contain about 1400 volumes. The change made in the reading room hours, opening at nine o'clock A.M. instead of three P.M., the librarian states "has proved a move in the right direction. The idea at first of having boys and young men together so many hours without personal supervision was not wholly without objections; but so far as the system has been tried, it is a success."

In speaking of the relation of the library to the public schools, the librarian in his report states: "Never in our history have we been drawing so near together; never as this year have we so felt the thrill of a common life; a unity of effort and sympathy seems to have characterized these two educational agencies as never before. The demands upon the reference department during the last twelve months have been very exhaustive and constant, by the teachers and scholars of our public schools. I think no phase of library usefulness presents so hopeful and encouraging a view as this same critical and systematic reference work; begun in childhood, and properly pursued through and in connection with the present judicious course of public school study, and the time is not far removed in our educational life when the reference department of our public libraries shall be not merely a place for dictionaries, atlases, cyclopædias, and their kindred works, with children as patrons; but when the interest for study and investigation, by wisely directed men-

tal application in school and out, shall ripen in maturer years into a popular and ever-increasing demand for the best, the choicest, and even the costliest works on fine arts, on design, on ornament, on color, on architecture, on mechanics, engineering, &c., and when history, travel, nature, law, poetry and theology (thoroughly classified and beautifully illustrated), shall be as popular with the patrons of the public library, and as earnestly consulted, as are the various cyclopædias which are now deemed so complete."

The following statistics are taken from the report of the librarian for the year 1884:—

Number of days the library was open to the public,	286
Volumes issued during the year,	20,876
Largest daily issue,	265
Average daily issue,	73
Smallest daily issue,	5
Number of volumes added during the year,	303
" of volumes in library January 1, 1885,	8,648

## ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TURNER, TREASURER.

Jan. 1, 1884.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, . . . . .	\$762 79
Received rent from Randolph National Bank, . . . . .	200 00
Received rent from Randolph Savings Bank, . . . . .	100 00
Received rent from D. B. White & Co., . . . . .	300 00
Received rent from Ladies' Library Association, . . . . .	15 00
Received from town of Randolph (dog tax), . . . . .	380 97
Received from town, interest on note, . . . . .	300 00
Received from income of Turner Fund, . . . . .	200 00
Received for catalogues and papers sold, . . . . .	12 15
Received for fines, . . . . .	43 18
Received from banks for their proportion of heat, . . . . .	65 63
Received from banks for their proportion of light, . . . . .	17 82
Received from parish for their proportion of light, . . . . .	53 44
Received from R. W. Turner and others for their proportion of light, . . . . .	106 88
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	\$2,557 86

Jan. 1, 1884.

## EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid for books, papers, magazines and binding, . . . . .	\$499 69
Amount paid librarian for salary one year, . . . . .	500 00
Amount paid janitor for salary one year, . . . . .	125 00
Amount paid for gasoline, . . . . .	231 59
Amount paid for fuel, . . . . .	157 50
Amount paid for insurance, . . . . .	131 25
Amount paid for printing and postage, . . . . .	36 00
Amount paid for expressing, . . . . .	25 58
Amount paid for sundry repairs, . . . . .	26 40
Amount paid for sundry supplies, . . . . .	10 06
Amount paid for new book-cases, . . . . .	126 00
Balance on hand, . . . . .	688 79
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	\$2,557 86



The committee on finance (consisting of John V. Beal, John B. Thayer and Royal T. Mann) "report that they have examined the accounts of the treasurer, and find that the bills and orders for expenditures which have been presented for payment have been paid by the treasurer, upon the approval of the proper committee of the library, and proper vouchers therefor, by him retained and placed on file, and that his accounts are in all respects true and accurate; that a cash balance of \$688 $\frac{79}{100}$  is now in the treasury. We further find that all the appropriations made by the town or otherwise, the rents, the interest and all the revenues from whatsoever source, have been duly collected and properly secured, and have at all times during the year exceeded the expenditures of the library. The funds of the library, exclusive of the balance before mentioned, consist of \$5,000 invested in a promissory note of the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, and the further sum of \$10,000, known as the 'Turner fund,' invested as follows:—

"Two bonds of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, \$1,000 each.

"Three bonds of Union Pacific Railroad, collateral trust, \$1,000 each.

"Three bonds of Kansas Pacific Railroad, \$1,000 each.

"Two bonds of Burlington & Missouri River Railroad, \$1,000 each.

"No appropriation of money from the town will be required to aid in meeting the current expenses of the ensuing year."

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,  
*President of the Board of Trustees.*

Randolph, March 10, 1885.

## BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1884.		
Jan. 1,	— Maddan, . . .	Charles and Fanny.
1,	— Paine, . . .	Syria W. and Lucy M. (Jones).
1,	Clara B. Howard, . . .	Henry M. and Elizabeth (Lyons).
2,	Stephen H. Guinan, . . .	Herbert H. and Nellie F. (Curran).
11,	— Kerr, . . .	George and Alice W. (White).
15,	— Poole, . . .	Everett A. and Martha A. (Holbrook).
18,	Elsie B. Fay, . . .	Frank E. and Nellie S. (Ward).
26,	Lois Finley, . . .	John and Anna (Horton).
Feb. 2,	Thomas A. Curran, . . .	John and Elizabeth A. (Lyons).
2,	Charles T. Barrett, . . .	John and Mary E. (Shepard).
4,	Ernest H. Payne, . . .	George A. and Emma (Chessman).
5,	John McNeil, . . .	Philip A. and Anna A. (Nash).
8,	Mary Ann Curran, . . .	Timothy P. and Joanna M. (Sullivan).
19,	William H. Mahoney, . . .	Patrick and Rosanna (Hart).
21,	Lewis E. Delano, . . .	Emery and Jennie R. (Adams).
24,	Francis J. Curran, . . .	Thomas S. and Mary F. (Riley).
24,	Florence D. Sullivan, . . .	Florence and Alice (Breunan).
24,	Nicholas Moore, . . .	Bernard and Hannah (Dooley).
25,	Catharine Rooney, . . .	John P. and Margaret A. (Riley).
28,	— Moore, . . .	John F. and Maggie (Cannon).
29,	Mary F. Barry, . . .	William C. and Mary (Meaney).
March 3,	Cornelius F. Foley, . . .	David J. and Katie F. (Dolan).
4,	Thomas Edward Riley, . . .	Thomas and Bridget (Bohan).
6,	Bessie Lincoln Bryant, . . .	Charles F. and Annie B. (Bullock).
10,	Ethel Bowers Lovering, . . .	Edwin W. and Helen H. (Bowers).
11,	Isabella O'Brien, . . .	James H. and Mary J. (Dooley).
25,	Mary A. Boyle, . . .	John C. and Margaret A. (Farley).
April 7,	James F. Clark, . . .	James W. and Mary (Bentley).
8,	Francis J. Kelliher, . . .	Dennis E. and Katie (McMahon).
14,	James DeNeil, . . .	David and Etta (Wood).
16,	Philip Green, . . .	Philip and Lillias (Trainor).
17,	Bridget Donohue, . . .	Thomas and Ellen (Mullins).
23,	Bertha M. Paine, . . .	Willie H. and Jennie E. (Burrell).
27,	Esther M. Nightingale, . . .	Andrew C. and Albina C. (Petersen).
May 1,	Mary Farrell, . . .	Gerald H. and Mary C. (Keefe).
8,	Mary Halpin, . . .	James and Honora (McInery).
12,	Chester W. Howard, . . .	Charles F. and Lydia A. (Purrrington).
15,	Alice Brady, . . .	Patrick and Maggie A. (Powers).
22,	Bernard O'Flaherty, . . .	Edward and Kate M. (Bodan).
23,	Katie Henev, . . .	John and Martha (McMullen).
June 1,	Addie M. Deane, . . .	Nelson C. and Agnes E. (Johnston).
4,	Josephine Dunn, . . .	John and Catharine (Green).
22,	Alice R. Taylor, . . .	Franklin and Mary E. (DeNiell).
23,	— Easton, . . .	George and Margaret A. (Shepard).
24,	Cora E. Burrell, . . .	George E. and Susie E. (Jones).
28,	Clara B. Eddy, . . .	Eli and Ella A. (Bridges).
29,	Chester S. Wentworth, . . .	Frank E. and Henrietta (Ela).
29,	— Boynton, . . .	Albert E. and Martha.
July 1,	— Wambolt, . . .	James A. and Sarah Ann (Burt).
3,	Charles A. Belmer, . . .	Charles and Minnie P. (Harriman).
11,	Lydia F. Whalen, . . .	Forrest E. and Ella J. (Igo).
14,	Bertha M. Ainslie, . . .	William H. and Julia A. (Allen).
19,	Lewis Burke, . . .	John L. and Elizabeth A. (Meighan).
21,	— Tirrell, . . .	Augustus L. and Sarah J. (Pool).

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
July 27,	John McGarrigle, . . .	Charles and Anna E. (McLaughlan).
27,	James E. Foley, . . .	James E. and Margaret (Barry).
27,	Jane Good, . . .	William and Maria J. (Kelliher).
29,	Ruby Jane Davis, . . .	George A. and Inez H. (Broad).
Aug. 7,	Howard, . . .	Charles H., Jr., and Georgie M. (Hawes).
9,	Maguire, . . .	Martin and Anna E. (Devine).
10,	Katie McMahon, . . .	Peter and Kate (Bracken).
18,	David McGaughey, . . .	David P. and Catharine E. (Powers).
20,	John R. Ford, . . .	Michael and Maggie M. (Rooney).
21,	Augusta B. Mahady, . . .	William and Ellen M. (Wignmore).
22,	Herman G. Holbrook, . . .	Enos and Sarah M. (Burrell).
22,	Clark, . . .	Benjamin L. and Lucy A. (Myers).
23,	Alice F. Barry, . . .	Thomas D. and Frances M. (Hogan).
24,	Arthur Neary, . . .	James E. and Ansie (DeNeil).
28,	Hall, . . .	John S. and Rosa L. (Beal).
Sept. 5,	Uniac, . . .	Richard and Eliza (Cahill).
5,	Alice Riley, . . .	Francis and Mary A. (Purcell).
13,	Daniel T. Kiley, . . .	John and Mary A. (Dummary).
19,	Mary Foley, . . .	James and Mary (O'Brien).
19,	Fanny Campbell, . . .	George and Fanny (Coonts).
22,	Dee, . . .	Thomas and Elizabeth (Lynias).
28,	Mary Welch, . . .	John B. and Mary E. (Dwyer).
Oct. 1,	Mary Morgan, . . .	John and Sarah J. (Kelly).
1,	Johnson, . . .	George M. and Hannah C. (Burrell).
20,	Catharine Sutton, . . .	John H. and Mary E. (McDonald).
30,	Isabella Pope, . . .	David and Elizabeth (Dennchy).
Nov. 9,	John J. Heney, . . .	Charles and Mary J. (Welsh).
16,	Margaret Kinnier, . . .	Patrick and Joanna C. (Burke).
18,	Matthew Smith, . . .	Matthew and Catharine V. (Riley).
19,	Young, . . .	Charles E. and Minnie (Knight).
21,	Kelliher, . . .	John C. and Catharine (Barrett).
22,	Alice Crosby, . . .	John and Mary A. (Kelliher).
Dec. 9,	Margaret Brady, . . .	James and Margaret (Cahill).
25,	Cora A. Holbrook, . . .	Morton and Malinda C. (Hollis).
1881.		
Dec. 4,	Lena R. Thayer, . . .	Seth Austin and Abby A. (Bowman).

## MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
1884.			
Jan. 1,	Alton Barr, . . . .	Spencer, . . . .	23
	Nettie Jane Belcher, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	19
4,	George Albert Davis, . . . .	Stoughton, . . . .	24
	Inez Broad, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	20
9,	Charles H. Howard, Jr., . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	31
	Georgie M. Hawes, . . . .	" . . . .	26
10,	Fred Ellsworth Whalen, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	25
	Helen Josephine Igo, . . . .	" . . . .	26
17,	Richard Forrest, Jr., . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	34
	Mary E. Kane, . . . .	" . . . .	28
Feb. 18,	Willie Herbert Paine, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	19
	Jennie E. Burrell, . . . .	" . . . .	19
March 2,	Herbert Lawrence White, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	25
	Frances A. Mansfield, . . . .	Braintree, . . . .	24
April 7,	John F. McKay, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	25
	Alice Flood, . . . .	Boston, . . . .	22
24,	John B. Flynn, Jr., . . . .	Stoughton, . . . .	24
	Mary A. Murphy, . . . .	" . . . .	24
24,	Gerald H. Farrell, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	18
	Mary C. Keefe, . . . .	" . . . .	21
26,	Frank Elmer Wentworth, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	19
	Henrietta Ela, . . . .	" . . . .	19
May 1,	George B. Fuller, . . . .	Stoughton, . . . .	29
	Lena J. Morton, . . . .	" . . . .	21
8,	George E. Morse, . . . .	Stoughton, . . . .	21
	Mary Isabell Graham, . . . .	" . . . .	22
18,	Alton Howard Mann, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	26
	Josie Williams, . . . .	Braintree, . . . .	24
18,	William A. Abbott, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	18
	Alice M. Hayward, . . . .	" . . . .	22
20,	Anthony Larochele, Jr., . . . .	Brockton, . . . .	30
	Flora E. Sasfield, . . . .	" . . . .	23
31,	William Fletcher, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	25
	Maggie Finley, . . . .	Chelsea, . . . .	24
June 10,	Charles Elmore Young, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	23
	Minnie Knight, . . . .	" . . . .	21
17,	James J. Long, . . . .	Taunton, . . . .	25
	Mary G. Mahoney, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	25
26,	Francis C. Paine, . . . .	Randolph, . . . .	27
	Alice C. Clark, . . . .	" . . . .	26

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
July	15, Thomas A. Kennedy, . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	23
	Mary J. Gibbons, . . . . .	" . . . . .	23
	17, Ernest J. Littlehale, . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	30
	Lucy B. McCarty, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	21
	20, Jeremiah J. Hickey, . . . .	Holbrook, . . . . .	25
	Anna A. Sheridan, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	25
	24, Daniel F. Flynn, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	24
	Mary J. Campbell, . . . . .	" . . . . .	26
Aug.	17, Daniel Austin Elliott, Jr., . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	27
	Jennie Isabel McGaw, . . . . .	Braintree, . . . . .	18
Sept.	6, Walter C. Wood, . . . . .	Stoughton, . . . . .	22
	Cora B. Howard, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	18
	28, James J. Feeley, . . . . .	Stoughton, . . . . .	29
	Catharine J. McNiff, . . . . .	Holbrook, . . . . .	24
	28, Charles Henry Rice, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	22
	Mabel Alice Thayer, . . . . .	" . . . . .	18
	29, John T. Dolan, . . . . .	Stoughton, . . . . .	24
	Catharine Connelly, . . . . .	" . . . . .	25
Oct.	2, Samuel A. Capen, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	48
	S. Augusta Fales (Bass), . . . .	West Randolph, Vt., . . . .	40
	15, John Jennings Crawford, . . .	Pittsburg, Pa., . . . . .	28
	Ellen Josephine Turner, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	24
	17, Matt Smith, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	22
	Catharine Riley, . . . . .	" . . . . .	18
	19, Edward White, . . . . .	Quincy, . . . . .	22
	Mary Meaney, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	22
Nov.	21, Patrick J. Sullivan, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	24
	Mary E. Brennan, . . . . .	" . . . . .	25
	20, John J. Maddigan, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	37
	Mary E. Hand, . . . . .	" . . . . .	39
	25, Henry F. Swan, . . . . .	Providence, R.I., . . . . .	29
	Josie L. Graves, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	30
	27, Henry J. O'Harra, . . . . .	Stoughton, . . . . .	27
	Nellie E. Mackadon, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	23
Dec.	27, Daniel E. McCue, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	25
	Ellen M. Cunningham, . . . . .	" . . . . .	26
	27, Albert E. Jones, . . . . .	Canton, . . . . .	23
	Edith A. Leach, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	23
	27, Selwyn Wilbur, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	38
	Mary Agnes Sullivan, . . . . .	" . . . . .	28
	20, George A. Faunce, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	31
	Ida V. Clark, . . . . .	" . . . . .	32
23,	Joseph Lawlor, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	23
	Nellie Downey, . . . . .	" . . . . .	25
	25, Granville Raymond, . . . . .	Stoughton, . . . . .	36
	Emma Florence Mann, . . . . .	Randolph, . . . . .	28



## DEATHS

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1884.					
Jan.	1, Caleb Tucker, . . . . .	59	3	27	Heart Disease.
	9, John Long, . . . . .	70		7	Congestion of Lungs.
	10, James W. S. Campbell, . . . . .	2	5	11	Pneumonia.
	15, ——— Poole, . . . . .				Stillborn.
	16, Eliza A. Belcher (Williams), . . . . .	40	7	28	Heart Disease.
Feb.	26, Michael Desmond, . . . . .	92	4		Old Age.
	5, Charles F. Sheridan, . . . . .	2	6	10	Diphtheria.
	11, Betsey Littlefield (Hayden), . . . . .	67	10	18	Pleuritis.
	14, Rachel Wilson (Thayer), . . . . .	61	10		Chronic Rheumatism.
	16, Helena F. Shay, . . . . .	24		2	Laryngeal Phthisis.
March.	28, Peter Brophy, . . . . .	70			Broken Leg.
	6, Ann Farrell, . . . . .	62	1	15	Bronchitis.
	8, Simeon Linfield, . . . . .	75	8	13	Renal Calculus.
	11, Eugene T. Walsh, . . . . .		2	22	Congestive Pneumonia.
	16, Georgianna Jones (Newell), . . . . .	38	11	23	Cancer in Bowels.
April	23, R. Lavinia French (Mann), . . . . .	42	11	15	Pneumonia.
	24, Ann McConety, . . . . .	72			Inflammation of Lungs.
	18, John Whalen, . . . . .	36	8	1	Consumption.
	19, Lydia Ring (Freeman), . . . . .	79	1	20	Inanition.
	22, James Wood, . . . . .	57	3	13	Bright's Disease.
May	26, Susie E. C. Allen, . . . . .	1	3	23	Tubercular Meningitis.
	1, John J. McAuliffe, . . . . .	25	2	6	Acute Meningitis.
	5, James Donovan, . . . . .	85			Cerebral Hemorrhage.
	5, Charles Tileston, . . . . .	74	2	15	Malignant Tumor.
	5, George Raymond, . . . . .	82	10	26	Cystitis. Old Age.
June	10, James Kinsley, . . . . .	46	8		Suicide.
	12, Esther M. Nightingale, . . . . .			15	Spina Bifida.
	22, ——— Haney, . . . . .				Stillborn.
	25, Philip Riley, . . . . .	74			Posterior Spinal Sclerosis.
	2, Seth Turner King, . . . . .	60	8		Phthisis.
July	9, Lemuel Wentworth, . . . . .	75	9	14	Bright's Disease.
	4, John Francis Curran, . . . . .	4	10	11	Malignant Diphtheria.
	8, Catharine Curran, . . . . .	3	1	16	Malignant Diphtheria.
	15, Isabella Curran, . . . . .	7	5	18	Malignant Diphtheria.
	17, Francis Myers, . . . . .	69	2		Phthisis.
Aug.	24, ——— Easton, . . . . .			1	Premature Birth.
	2, Catharine Brady Donohue, . . . . .	73	7	27	Paralysis of Heart.
	3, John Hove, . . . . .	76			Chronic Bronchitis.
	5, Edward Foley, . . . . .	56	6	1	Apoplexy.
	13, Theodore S. Alden, . . . . .	41	3	11	Drowned.
Sept.	14, Bertha C. Vaughan, . . . . .	1		25	Enlargement of Glands of Stomach.
	21, Jonathan Wales, . . . . .	34	9	17	Typhoid Fever.
	27, Levi L. Holbrook, . . . . .	53	10	11	Epilepsy. Insane.
	12, Julia L. Holbrook, . . . . .	23	7	14	Potts' Disease.
	25, Anna M. Odell (Mann), . . . . .	68	4	16	Maxillary Abscess.
	11, Ellen Sullivan (Leonard), . . . . .	68			Introsusception.
	8, Ellen Manix, . . . . .	24			Consumption.
	8, Thomas F. Lynch, . . . . .	37	5		Phthisis.
	13, ——— Tirrell, . . . . .		1	23	Infantile.
	25, ——— Howard, . . . . .		1	18	Infantile.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Oct. 4,	Margaret Troy, . . . .	85			Bilious Fever.
17,	Francis Holbrook, . . . .	42	8	3	Cancer.
25,	Sarah B. Packard (Tolman), . . . .	58	11	25	Nervous Prostration.
25,	John Purcell, . . . .	80	3	24	Old Age.
27,	Frank C. Perkins, . . . .	5	5	24	Croupal Diphtheria.
29,	Lawrence McGrath, . . . .	57			Acute Parenchymatous Nephritis.
30,	Amasa Clark, . . . .	80	6	2	Pneumonia.
Nov. 1,	George E. Maguire, . . . .	47			Gastritis.
3,	Elizabeth Dwyer (Flynn), . . . .	69			Cancer Stomach.
6,	Levi Frank Thayer, . . . .	55	1		Nervous Prostration.
7,	John R. Ford, . . . .		2	7	Sudden Cold.
9,	Arthur A. McMahon, . . . .	3	2	14	Inflammation of Brain.
10,	Catharine McMahon, . . . .		3		Consumption.
13,	Delida Basigalupo, . . . .		1	2	Pneumonia.
14,	Frederick G. Wright, . . . .		3	3	Scarlet Fever.
25,	Mary D. Alden, . . . .	75	7	25	Congestion of Lungs.
26,	Mary C. Alden, . . . .	42			Rupture of Blood Vessel in Brain.
26,	Alfreda R. Thayer, . . . .	51	6	21	Heart Complaint.
26,	James T. Riley, . . . .	41			Double Pneumonia.
30,	Ellen J. Fitzgerald, . . . .	16	7	20	Phthisis.
30,	Mary Gaynor, . . . .	67			General Debility.
Dec. 8,	Matthew Smith, . . . .			20	General Debility.
12,	Ada F. Bump (Otis), . . . .	28	4	2	Pulmonary Phthisis.
12,	Harriet Belcher (Belcher), . . . .	71	7		Old Age.
18,	Timothy Manix, . . . .		2	3	Meningitis.
18,	Ann Bracken, . . . .	48	6		Paralysis Agitans.
27,	Annie Whalen, . . . .		8	5	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
28,	Nellie Foley, . . . .	12	3	14	Morbus Cordis.
30,	Walter Cartwright, . . . .	70	4		Apoplexy. Paralysis.

RANDOLPH, January 1, 1885.

Any persons seeing any error in the record of Births, Marriages and Deaths will please notify the Town Clerk, and have the same corrected.

HIRAM C. ALDEN,  
Town Clerk.



## TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }  
NORFOLK, SS. }

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Randolph in said  
County,* GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall in said town, on Monday, the sixth day of April next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles ; namely, —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting ; also one trustee for Stetson School Fund, for three years.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes," or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 6. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs of school buildings, and incidental expenses of schools.

ART. 7. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money, not exceeding five hundred dollars, to remove a portion of a rock in the highway near the residence of Samuel W. Willard.

ART. 9. To raise money to defray the general town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations thereof.

ART. 10. To raise such amount of money as may be deemed advisable for the reduction of the town debt, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in relation to building a sidewalk on the westerly side of Howard Street, as petitioned for by William Sheppard and fourteen others; also on petition of William Cunningham and others for building a sidewalk on the northerly side of said Howard street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines and pay of enginemen, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 13. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to paying a bounty of one hundred dollars each to Nelson E. Knight and James L. Curtis, who served during the late war as a part of the quota of Randolph, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 15. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce the laws, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 16. To see if the town will make an appropriation



for the decoration of soldiers' graves under the direction of Captain Horace Niles Post 110, G.A.R.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take upon the report of the joint committee of the several towns of Quincy, Braintree, Randolph and Holbrook, in regard to the expediency of publishing the records of the original town of Braintree, and raise and appropriate money to defray the expense of the same.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as a party or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 21. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1885.

ART. 23. To see if the town will permit the Brockton Horse Railroad company, or any other company, to extend the track for a horse railroad from the East Stoughton line (the terminus of the Brockton railroad), to Canton street, near the residence of A. J. Towns, as petitioned for by F. Porter and others.

ART. 24. To hear and act on the report of any committee, and to chose any committee the town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, and by publishing the same in the NORFOLK COUNTY REGISTER AND HOLBROOK NEWS, a newspaper published in said Randolph.

Hereof fail not, but make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the day and hour for said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Randolph, this twenty-fourth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

ROYAL T. MANN,  
JOHN B. THAYER,  
RUFUS A. THAYER,  
*Selectmen of Randolph.*

A true copy.

Attest: THOMAS FARRELL,  
*Constable of Randolph.*